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Urbana School District #116 Celebrates Black History Month with Cultural Festival *All Schools to Participate February 22*

Urbana School District #116 will celebrate Black History Month this Friday, February 22, 2008, with "Cultural Fest 2008." The festival will be at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 East Water Street, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, and the district will provide transportation and child care for those wishing to attend.

"I think Black History Month gives African American students a chance to shine and be proud of their rich heritage and culture. A district-wide Black History Month celebration allows all students to take part and learn about the many contributions made by African Americans in our community, state, country and internationally," says Grace Mitchell, Secondary Alternative Education Director at Urbana High School and Coordinator of Black History Month Activities.

All District 116 schools will be represented at the festival, where attendees will learn more about the school district and learn more about community agencies and programs. Urbana School District students will provide entertainment. Those in attendance will also be able to play games and win door prizes.

The district will also serve a dinner featuring "soul food." Dinner tickets are five-dollars for those ages 11 and over, three-dollars for those younger.

Members of the media wishing to attend "Cultural Fest 2008" should contact Grace Mitchell at 384-3505.

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