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Centennial History Publication of the Murray City School District Completed Now available to community at school district offices

November 30, 2007, Murray, UT – In honor of the 2006 Centennial observation of 100 years of educational service to the Murray community, the Murray Board of Education commissioned a book to be written on the history of the school district. Hired to research and write the project was architectural historian and preservation consultant Korral Broschinsky. Ms. Broschinsky graduated with a Master's degree from the University of Utah and is a regular contributor to Utah Preservation magazine. She also served two terms on the Murray City Historic Preservation Advisory Board and is herself a graduate of Murray High School.

Superintendent Richard R. Tranter, himself a product of the Murray school system, recommended this Centennial publication to the Board of Education and was very actively involved in all aspects of the project. His reasons undertaking such a project are because he feels that “the history of the Murray City School District is distinct and interesting, and one-hundred years is such an important and significant accomplishment that it should be recognized and celebrated. Our district is widely respected as an educational leader, but also highly admired for retaining the small-town values that seem to be missing more and more in today's society. It's interesting to observe that as we enter the second hundred year cycle of our educational leadership our uniqueness is continually recognized and our successes pointed to as a model for educational success.”

“The Centennial History of the Murray City School District” is a 110 page publication comprised of dozens of pictures, maps, references and a colorful narrative history of the Murray City School District. It is published in a full-color, soft cover 8 ½ by 11-inch format, designed to fit on bookshelves for easy reference. Many of the photographs in the book have never been published before and stories have been taken from a myriad of sources, including oral histories and school archives.

The first school house was built years before Murray officially qualified as a city. Future historians may wonder how a small school district sitting right in the middle of an expanding urban area could maintain such a unique identity. The residents of Murray know why – and that's the reason so many return here to raise families and send their children to the same schools that they once attended. “The Centennial History of the Murray City School District” depicts those reasons wonderfully. It is available for purchase at the Murray City School District Offices for \$15.00 per copy and is a great Christmas gift idea for any Murray Alum or resident.

Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society. Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of the Murray City School District; Mitzie Huff is president of the Murray Board of Education.

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