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Nepal Teacher to visit Hamilton County Schools *Exchange will offer learning opportunities for teachers and students*

Chattanooga, TN- Mr. Nawaraj Baskota, Coordinator School Wing of Nobel Academy H.S. School in Kathmandu, Nepal will be visiting several Hamilton County schools this month as part of a personal holiday trip to learn about American School culture.

Mr. Nawaraj, who will be in town October 15 through November 15, will be hosted by Mrs. Christine Hockert, a teacher at McConnell Elementary School.

Mr. Nawaraj's trip came about from his friendship with Ms. Hockert through IEARN (International Education and Resource Network.) The two members presented their student work on National Disasters Youth Summit Project in May 2007 in Japan.

Mr. Nawaraj is using this holiday excursion to Tennessee to learn about Hamilton County Schools' curriculum, teaching strategies, special needs interventions and learning strategies, visual and performing arts, school counseling, and technology integration. He is also very interested in learning about the local culture and Chattanooga's diverse community.

To provide him with an opportunity to learn about the variety of schools in our area, Mr. Nawaraj will visit 12 local schools including several magnet schools.

"This is a great teaching and learning opportunity for Nawaraj as well as our teachers and students," Ms. Hockert said. "I see this is a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and concepts across continents that otherwise would not be interacting with each other."

Mr. Nawaraj will visit McConnell Elementary, Soddy Elementary, Hixson Elementary, Normal Park Museum Magnet, East Lake Academy of Fine Arts, Clifton Hills Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Allen Elementary, Rivermont Elementary, Center for Creative Arts, Soddy Daisy High School, and Loftis Middle School during his stay in Chattanooga.

Mr. Nawaraj's school website is: www.nobel.edu.np and his email address is: nbaskato@nobel.edu.np

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