(*Hartford*) – Today, **Congressman John B. Larson** announced that The Jumoke Academy has received a $100,000 grant through the U.S. Department of Education's Charter School Program 'Collaboration Award'. Given to only five schools nationwide, the award will be used to support its efforts to improve student achievement and enhance services at Thirman L. Milner School in Hartford.

"The future of Connecticut and our nation hinges on the success of our children and grandchildren, and too often they are denied the high-quality education so important to helping them succeed," Congressman Larson said. "Our children deserve an education that allows them to prosper and achieve, regardless of their parents income or where they live. I know this funding will go towards helping our younger generations receive the education they deserve, and give our students the best opportunity to thrive. I applaud FUSE and Jumoke Academy for their efforts and look forward to seeing them continue their important work in our communities."

In August, Congressman Larson wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Education in support of this funding. The Jumoke Academy has been working to increase the quality of education at the Milner School in collaboration with its charter management organization, Family Urban Schools of Excellence (FUSE).

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