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## City charter school gets check for high performance

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Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin and Rep. Elijah E. Cummings presented a high-performing charter middle school in Baltimore with a check for \$243,677 yesterday.

The money, federal funding secured by Cardin for KIPP Ujima Village Academy, will be used to support the school's extended day, week and year.

KIPP serves about 350 students in fifth through eighth grades, requiring them to attend class for nearly 10 hours a day on weekdays, one Saturday a month and three weeks in the summer.

KIPP is part of a national network of 66 schools in Knowledge Is Power Program, which has had success around the country in preparing low-income students for college.

At Cardin's request, Congress directed the federal education department to give the money to KIPP through the Fund for the Improvement of Education.

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