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Mr. James Herbert, Director  
The Division of Research and Education  
Room 302  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue  
NW Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Herbert:

The Teaching in the Age of the Internet: A Collaborative Program Promoting Computer Technology in Social Studies Education program involving Anne Arundel County Public Schools and the Maryland State Archives is a promising program for improving humanities and civic education. I am pleased to offer my support for expanding the existing pilot and promoting the use of technology for teaching history and government.

The existing program makes good on the investment that Anne Arundel County government has made in technology for our high schools. In this program, educators are combining traditional education goals with modern methods and training teachers to use original documentary sources in interactive electronic classrooms.

Federal funding will strengthen this program. Funds will expand the number of sites where the program is offered, bringing the program to selected middle and elementary schools, providing more training for teachers and improving the efficiency with which the Maryland State Archives can render information to schools.

In conjunction with the National Endowment for the Humanities, Anne Arundel County government will be participating in the national school reform agenda to implement and highlight effective uses of technology in schools. I am a proponent of partnerships in which agencies share in the ongoing investment in sound programs for the county's and nation's youth.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of John Gary in black ink.

John Gary  
County Executive

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