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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 Department of Instruction is extremely pleased to offer support for expanding the "Teaching in the Age of the Internet: A Collaborative Program Promoting Computer Technology in Social Studies Education" program involving twelve Anne Arundel County Public Schools and the Maryland State Archives. Our existing pilot affects student learning in the humanities and civic education.

In the current program, students are using original documentary resources in an interactive classroom, and teachers are developing necessary skills to use materials in their own lessons. The learning activities match our county and state curriculum focus. In addition, students will study national event and trends. With advanced technology, students are demonstrating skills supporting instructional technology goals. We anticipate that the activities will also support the core learning goals being identified for the high school level in the state of Maryland.

With this grant, students in twelve schools will use similar technologies and develop and practice important skills. This grant provides opportunities for civic instruction across all organizational levels.

Our department will support this grant by committing resources for project management, the integration of the activities into standard curriculum, and opportunities for administrators to understand the potential for the program in instructional programs. The curriculum offices of social studies and computer education also strongly endorse this program.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mann
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