



September 18, 1996

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:

Anne Arundel County Public Schools is pleased to submit an application to the National Endowment for the Humanities grant competition. Our proposed project, "Teaching in the Age of the Internet: A Collaborative Program Promoting Computer Technology in Social Studies Education," strengthens a partnership between Anne Arundel County Public Schools and the Maryland State Archives, and it expands an existing pilot for improving humanities and civic education.

The power of this program is its focus on learning. Anne Arundel County students in the project are using original historic documents in an interactive classroom, and teachers are developing materials in their own lessons. The program provides access to new sources of information and supports professional development with help from the Maryland State Archives staff, Anne Arundel County curriculum leaders, and visiting scholars. To further ensure the success of the project, we are committing project management in instruction, fiscal management, and technology information services.

We appreciate the opportunity to propose a project which has great potential to better prepare students for their role as citizens. We look forward to your favorable review of the proposed project and the opportunity to serve as a model for others throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

Carol S. Parham
Superintendent of Schools