



Development Office

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John White
Compass Marketing, Inc.
612 Third Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21403

Dear Mr. White:

On behalf of the more than 44,000 students participating in art courses in Anne Arundel County Public Schools, I'd like to thank you so much for your generous sponsorship of nine skipjacks for our Sailing Into the Arts Project. This is the largest and most generous sponsorship we have received and thanks to you, our project will come to fruition.

It is incredibly encouraging when community members are willing to contribute more than just tax dollars to such a worthy cause. We look forward to working with you on this project and are very excited about the publicity that this partnership will bring to this exciting new project. Our art program, and more importantly our art students, will benefit greatly from the funds raised by this program, and the experience of working collaboratively on a public art display with high impact and recognition like this one.

According to a study by the Arts Education Partnership and the National Endowment for the Arts, "arts students earned better grades and scores, were less likely to drop out of school, watched fewer hours of television, were less likely to report boredom in school, had a more positive self-concept, and were more involved in community service." Anne Arundel County Public Schools believes that exposure to the arts enhances academic achievement and broadens the intellectual scope of all students. Through your donation, you have provided our high school students with more opportunities to learn and grow through the arts.

Thank you again for this generous gift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois Kleinhenn Lanier".

Lois Kleinhenn Lanier
Chief Development Officer
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

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cc: Suzanne Owens
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