



Dear Great Bridge Class of 1995,

It must be a surprise to some of you that you have been out of high school for twenty years. I was the Principal at Great Bridge Intermediate School when you graduated. We were so pleased to hear that you were celebrating your 20th reunion recently and had chosen to provide a gift to the present and future students of Chesapeake Public Schools. Our foundation was begun ten years ago by a handful of local business leaders and the superintendent to provide alternative and non-traditional funding sources to enrich the programs of Chesapeake Public Schools.

The Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation provides scholarships, classroom teacher instructional grants, larger school grants, increased technology, and capital projects. The \$710.00 that your class donated will be used as part of our purchase of new digital equipment for our school planetarium. This is Phase I of a multi-year project. Most of you would have attended the planetarium while you were students in elementary school. It was the first planetarium owned solely by a public school in the state of Virginia in 1963. Elementary students still attend lessons there each year, and free programs are provided for the community every Thursday night.

The existing mechanical equipment is no longer manufactured. The new digital equipment will be utilized in our present building until we can complete the design and fundraising for a new Science and Planetarium/Observatory Project that will be Phase II. We are presently in the procurement phase for the new equipment. I will let you know when it is ready for installation.

Our sincerest thanks go out to you for remembering your education days in Chesapeake. If you have any questions about any of our projects, feel free to call our office at the School Administration Building (842-4081).

Most sincerely,

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