



November 5, 2021

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Chatham Education Foundation’s mission is to support educational excellence in the School District of the Chathams through parent and community donations. Our grant-based organization awards approximately \$100,000 annually across grades K-12 for innovative curriculum and educational enhancements. Teachers and administrators pour research and problem-solving skills into grant applications to bring innovative ideas to the classroom.

COVID-19 caused us to cancel our Trivia Night and Casino Royale fundraising events, significantly impacting our ability to raise money to fund school district grants. We hope you will consider making a donation so that we can continue to fund innovative grants and enrich the academic experience throughout the school district.

We still have much to be thankful for. Students in grades K-12 have returned to 5 full days per week of in-person learning. Returning students are happy to see familiar faces and meet new ones. For many, it was their first experience in Chatham schools. With great schools, short commutes and safe and beautiful residential neighborhoods, we have also seen many families select Chatham as their forever home. Our schools are key to what makes Chatham such a special place.

Already in the 2021-22 school year, Chatham Education Foundation has awarded two math grants:

- **The Thinking Classroom** – Phase 2. This \$23,222 grant was awarded to expand the “Thinking Classroom” within the Chatham High School mathematics wing to four additional classrooms. The initial phase of Chatham Education Foundation’s “Thinking Classroom” grant in 2018 demonstrated the validity of the current research that supports students standing and moving in the mathematics classroom, resulting in observed increases in student productivity, critical thinking, and wellness. These design changes include vertical non-permanent surfaces around the classroom, non-permanent writing surfaces on flexible seating/standing tables, and the restructuring of the traditional classroom setting.
- **Reimagining Geometry** – Building off the success of the Thinking Classroom, this \$31,524 grant award allows for the redesign of Chatham Middle School 8th grade math classrooms to coincide with a curriculum sequence change in which 8th grade Chatham Middle School students now take Geometry prior to Algebra 1. This sequence change provided an opportunity to reimagine what students can do with the knowledge of Geometry, and this grant provides the technology and materials to allow students to demonstrate this new knowledge. In addition, all three 8th grade math classrooms will be turned into thinking classrooms, where students complete problems at whiteboard spaces. Whiteboards may be brought into the math hallway, extending the classroom reach so that all students can work on math while social distancing.

With generous donor support, we look forward to awarding additional grants that are already in our pipeline. We encourage you to learn more about what we do by visiting our website at www.chathamedfoundation.org.

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