



T.C. Boushall Middle School
Richmond Public Schools

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Dear Community Partners and Dr. Crawley -

Working to strengthen local public schools takes everyone - involved parents, caring school staff and supportive community stakeholders such as Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Here at Boushall Middle School, our vision is to provide all of our scholars with an inclusive learning environment which develops globally competitive and responsible citizens through *21st century engaging instruction*. But why use 21st century engaging instruction? Truly, no educator can ignore that children need the right instructional tools to be engaged and inspired in today's classrooms. Outside of the walls of our school buildings, students are awash with the latest cellphones, gaming systems and Internet apps that can make schools seem dull in comparison. Research shows that scholars exposed to instruction that is student-centered, rigorous with embedded multiple learning modalities such as visual, auditory and kinesthetic (hands-on) activities learn better and deeper. This learning is highly effective at raising the achievement and motivation levels of all students, not just those that happen to live in certain zip codes. Boushall wants to recreate our classrooms into augmented reality laboratories. Picture a room of scholars holding virtual beating hearts in their hands or testing circuits in mid-air! Infusing hands-on, technology-rich instruction does not happen by chance. It happens on purpose and we need your help.

Boushall Middle School is a Title School that serves one of the most diverse populations in the City of Richmond. Our scholars have challenges but also have promise, a thirst for knowledge and gaps in experiences necessary to compete. However with tightening of school funding streams and increased competition for grants, it is difficult to meet these needs without support. ***Today we are asking for your support!*** Help augmented reality technology and other tools become a reality at Boushall Middle School.

We know by standing together we can make a difference in the lives of our students. Please join us as we continue to support the efforts of our school community as we strive for academic excellence. For your purposes, the tax exempt ID number for Boushall Middle School is *available upon request*.

The strategy is simple – schools thrive when community and business resources are linked with schools who use *innovative, rigorous instruction to inspire scholars* to the next level with parental support. Thank you for your consideration in this matter and we look forward to a wonderful partnership with all who continue to place our children first!

Best regards,

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