



Campaign 2008–2010

Here are snapshots of the projects you can help make a reality. For a more detailed description of how these projects will enhance our schools, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@NewburyportEF.org!

Literacy Closets

Literacy closets (actually rooms) are the material support for a comprehensive literacy program. The schools have embarked on an initiative to replace a basal reading program with cutting edge practices that engage students with authentic texts. Grant monies are being used to train teachers, but we can accelerate the implementation of this program with the purchase of the wide variety of books and materials that students will read.

Virtual High School

This national collaboration of high schools allows students to a wide variety of courses online. Courses are taught by certified high school teachers across the country, and student progress is monitored locally. This program will enrich the high school with a variety of for-credit course offerings that are difficult for a small school to offer.

Technology Upgrade and Renewal

NEF continues the quest, started in our first campaign, to enable regular replacement and upgrade of technology resources, as well as build toward meeting state technology benchmarks for all schools. Three specific projects (two renewal and one expansion) are outlined below, with additional funds raised to be applied to expanding the system's technology resources.

Visual Literacy

Update software and equipment for digital and film photography to keep up with industry standards and give NHS students practice with today's visual communication tool. This would serve the high school's fastest growing and most demanded elective, producing students with appropriate skills for 21st century job requirements.

Assessment Technologies: Math and Science

Enable teachers to get more immediate feedback about student progress, so lessons can be tailored to student strengths and weaknesses. Technology will be used to pilot more targeted and frequent assessment methods in math and science at the middle and high schools.

Technology for Science: Laptops

Replace aged laptops in the high school's shared science labs to enable the continued use of state-of-the-art software applications.

Your contributions are gratefully appreciated! If your company has a matching gift program, please remember to include the form with you gift.