



STEAM Academy of Umatilla

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Dear Members of the Umatilla School Board,

The **STEAM Academy of Umatilla** is off to a strong start this fall, with **254 students currently enrolled** across our after school sites. We are halfway through our first session and are excited about the variety of academic enrichment, STEAM, and youth development opportunities being offered to students.

This fall, students have the opportunity to participate in **tennis**, providing a new way for students to develop physical skills, teamwork, and confidence. Our **robotics programs are also beginning to ramp up**, with teams preparing for an exciting season of building, problem-solving, and competition.

A highlight of our program this year is our **Friday whole-school activities**, which bring students together for fun, community-building experiences. Activities have included **Minute-to-Win-It-style competitions, bingo, arts and crafts, and STEM rotations**. These activities provide students with opportunities to interact with peers from across the program while developing collaboration, creativity, communication, and problem-solving skills.

As we move through the remainder of Session 1, we look forward to continuing to expand opportunities for students and building on the strong start to the school year. Our goal remains to provide a **safe, welcoming environment where students can learn, explore their interests, build relationships, and have fun after school**.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Williams