

## **STEAM Academy of Umatilla**

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Dear Umatilla School Board Members,

The month of January brought the end of the Fall data period and the beginning of spring. We have submitted our Fall data to ODE, we have had 497 students enrolled in STEAM to date (95 CBMS, 249 MHES, and 153 UHS). We have had 112 more students participate then last year at this time, which is exciting. These data points provide us an opportunity to check that we are on track to reach our goals and make any necessary pivots. We are on-track and focused on finishing the year strong.

Umatilla hosted it's 5<sup>th</sup> annual FTC competition at CBMS on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 teams and 85 students who competed for a chance to qualify for the FTC Championship in Hillsboro, we will be sending three teams. A huge thank you to Jenn Franks for organizing the event, Vinny and the Maintenance crew for helping with set up/take down and to Umatilla Alumni and UHS Robotics students from Teams 4125 Confidential and 8532 Classified for volunteering all positions and mentoring the younger students. It's wonderful that Umatilla can host an event where our families have an opportunity to see what robotics is all about and how hard their children work and play!

In February, we are partnering with Umatilla Parks and Recreation to offer NFL flag football referee training. After the free training, our students have the opportunity to work during the flag football season and possibly soccer. It's definitely a win win opportunity for our high school students.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Williams