



# STEAM Academy of Umatilla

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Dear Umatilla School District Board Members,

This season, we successfully hosted a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) event, welcoming 14 teams (45 students) and 18 dedicated volunteers, as well as 24 FRC student mentors. The event was a great success thanks to the collaborative efforts of staff, families, and community members. Three of our participating teams have qualified to advance to the State Competition in Hillsboro at the end of February, showcasing the talent and hard work of our students and mentors.

## 2. Completion and Submission of Fall Data Report

The fall data report has been completed and submitted to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). This ensures our continued compliance with state reporting requirements and helps guide future program planning and evaluation efforts.

## 3. New Volunteer-Led Enrichment Opportunity

We are excited to announce a new enrichment activity at CBMS/UHS. A community volunteer will soon begin teaching students crochet, offering them the opportunity to learn a new and creative craft. Students have expressed enthusiasm for this hands-on experience, which encourages patience, artistic expression, and fine motor skills.

## Looking Ahead

The after-school program team is committed to continuing to expand opportunities that foster curiosity, creativity, and community engagement among students. We are partnering with the Parks and Rec department to offer Flag Football Referee Training and to enjoy the skating rink again this season.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Williams-Strege