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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Greetings to you and your family! As part of the Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership (PAEP) and Pennsylvania Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, we invite your child to participate in PAEP's **STEAM Summer Enrichment Program**. The summer program runs **Tuesday June 27th, 2017 through Thursday August 3rd, 2017** at three locations.

Your students entering the **5th-8th grade** can choose from three STEAM Enrichment Summer Program Locations:

James G. Blaine School
3001 W. Berks Street
Philadelphia PA 19121

John Welsh School
2331 N. 4th Street
Philadelphia PA 19133

Grover Washington, Jr. Middle School
201 E. Olney Ave.
Philadelphia PA 19120

The STEAM Enrichment Summer Program provides **FREE** learning experiences that will help support grade level academic curriculum in math, science, and literacy through engaging arts experiences. Our program is held on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** from **9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.** The STEAM Enrichment Summer Program curriculum is designed for **students entering the 5th-8th grade** who have an interest in creative and performing arts, as well as students who are simply looking for a safe learning environment during the summer. Students will receive free breakfast and lunch through the School District of Philadelphia's Food Service Dept., participate in athletics, as well as experience learning through different art forms (visual arts, music, dance, or theater).

Our mission for the STEAM Enrichment Summer Program is to provide quality education programming for all students through engaging visual and performing arts experiences. Designed to augment STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) with the inclusion of the arts (STEAM), this program will employ the visual and performing arts as a means to strengthen students' mathematics and science competencies, promote healthy lifestyles through physical fitness and better nutrition, and enhance the development of students' pro social behaviors and attitudes towards school.

In addition to offering your child the opportunity to participate in this wonderful, new program, we also are offering parents/guardians and senior citizens in the community an opportunity to be a part of this program. If you or someone you know would like to serve as a program volunteer or as a member of the Advisory Board, please contact PAEP at 215-982-1207 or via email at paep@paep.net.

Please complete the attached enrollment application and return it to the main office in your child's school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 215-982-1207 or via email at paep@paep.net.

Sincerely,

Pearl Schaeffer, Chief Executive Officer

