



STEAM Academy of Umatilla

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Dear Umatilla School Board Members,

This spring has been an exciting and successful season for our program. Most notably, our FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team earned 56th place at the World Championship in Houston, Texas. For students from a small community to compete at that level on the world stage is truly phenomenal, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and accomplishments. Their success reflects the commitment of our students, mentors, families, and community supporters.

Our soccer program also had a strong season, competing in four tournaments throughout the spring. The students demonstrated teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship, and it is exciting to see the development of many talented younger players who will continue to strengthen the program in the coming years.

On Wednesday, we hosted a Family Fun Night at Umatilla High School in partnership with several community agencies, including Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire, and Good Shepherd. The evening provided families with opportunities to connect, participate in activities, and celebrate student learning. Several STEAM classes and student art projects were showcased, and students from Intro to Education, FCCLA, and Robotics proudly shared their work and talents with the community. The event highlighted the strong partnerships and community involvement that support our students' success.

As the school year winds down, our focus is shifting toward completing required reports, gathering survey feedback, and organizing summer learning opportunities to ensure students continue to have engaging and enriching experiences throughout the summer months.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Williams-Strege