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Greetings Families,

This letter is a follow-up to the information presented during High School Showcase Night on February 2, 2023, regarding the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy. Students who are interested in attending the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy for the 2023-2024 school year will be administered an entrance exam. The entrance exam selected for students will be the PreACT® 8/9.

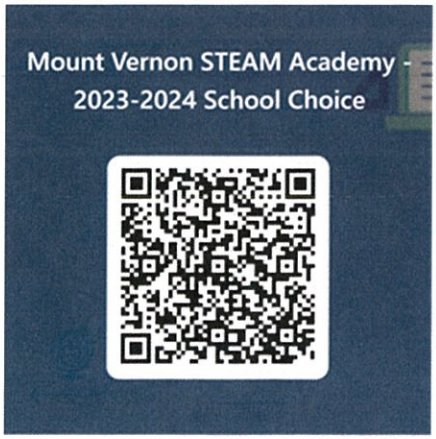
Of the students tested, 50% of the entering class receiving a median average will enter the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy in a STEAM Pathway. Students approaching a passing score within 10–12-points below the median average will enter the school on a Regents/AP track, while progressing toward a STEAM Pathway.

The PreACT® 8/9 exam will be administered at your child's school on Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 9am-12pm. The scores will be available within two weeks, with a breakdown by student STEM ability, CTE ability, and academic needs. More information about the PreACT ®8/9 can be found here: PreACT 8-9 At-a-Glance.pdf.

Students must sit for the PreACT® 8/9 to be considered to attend the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy. If you are interested in having your child attend the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy for the 2023-2024 school year, please return this form to the school counselor or complete using the below link or QR code, by Friday, March 10, 2023, to ensure they will be scheduled to take the PreACT® 8/9 exam.

Please note there are only 200 available seats for ninth graders at the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents will be notified by the middle of April of their child's high school placement. Please contact your child's counselor should you have any questions.

https://forms.office.com/r/syFUmAXPab



Sincerely,

Dr. K. Veronica Smith
Acting Superintendent of Schools

Student's Name: _____

_____ My child is interested in attending STEAM and will sit for the entrance exam.
_____My child is NOT interested in attending STEAM.

Parent's Signature:_____