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Dear Families of Benjamin Turner Academy, Denzel Washington School of the Arts, Edward Williams School, Graham School, Grimes School, Hamilton School, Lincoln School, Mount Vernon High School, Nelson Mandela/Hosea Zollicoffer School, Mount Vernon STEAM Academy, Pennington School, and Traphagen School**:**

All **sixth- and eighth-grade students, along with interested ninth-grade students**, will take the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy (MVSA) PreACT entrance exam at their respective schools on **Wednesday, December 16, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**.

Important Information

- Students must complete the **PreACT** to be considered for admission to **Mount Vernon STEAM Academy**.
- PreACT results will provide valuable information regarding each student's **STEM skills, CTE readiness, and academic needs**.
- Families will be notified of their child's **high school placement by mid-May**.

Additional information about the PreACT is available on the **Mount Vernon City School District website** by searching for **"MV STEAM Academy Entrance Exam."**

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we prepare our students for success.

Sincerely,

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