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Dear parents and guardians of 8th grade students:

The West Islip School District is proud to offer our rising 9th grade students the opportunity to be a part of the inaugural class of the West Islip High School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Academy. This program will provide students with rigorous coursework in the areas of Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science. We are looking for students who have a passion for the STEM fields to be a part of this program.

As part of our Parent Academy series, we will hold an informational meeting about the STEM Academy for 8th grade students and their parents on December 5 (Udall Road MS) and December 12 (Beach Street MS) at 7:00 p.m. Parents and students from both schools are welcome to attend either night's presentation, which will provide an overview of the STEM Academy program and course pathways for students. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of each presentation.

We hope that you are as excited about the STEM Academy as we are. We believe it will provide our students with an edge in these highly competitive STEM fields. If you have any questions before the presentations, please email Dr. Rullan ([a.rullan@wi.k12.ny.us](mailto:a.rullan@wi.k12.ny.us)) or Mr. Taylor ([b.taylor@wi.k12.ny.us](mailto:b.taylor@wi.k12.ny.us)). We look forward to seeing you on December 5 or 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

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