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Dear Parents or Guardians,

DaVinci School for Science and the Arts has an exciting opportunity to offer another advanced computer science course next year. We are investing in our students by partnering with Microsoft Philanthropies TEALS to build and grow our CS program. There are more than 500,000 open computer science positions without qualified talent to fill them across all industries. We are trying to help ensure our students have access to the necessary education to ensure a successful future for them.

Action We're Taking Microsoft Philanthropies TEALS is a program that recruits, mentors, and places passionate technology professionals into high school classrooms as volunteer instructors. These volunteers bring subject matter expertise and will join Ms. Katherine Boward, classroom technology teacher, to teach computer science together. TEALS provides training for both parties, rigorous curricula, and opportunities for students to continue their education outside of the classroom.

We applied to partner with TEALS and our application was accepted. We will offer the course, "Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science." This course will prepare students to take the college board's AP computer science A exam in May.

As a TEALS partner school, DaVinci School needs to assist with volunteer recruitment from the computer science and software engineering fields to team-teach this course with our teachers. DaVinci School will hold the courses first period to permit the volunteers to attend their jobs.

Please help --if you or someone you know works in the computer science or software engineering field and would be interested in making a difference in our students' future success, please contact Delia Longoria, Principal at 915-584-4024 or email at dlongoria@burnhamwood.org. You can read more about TEALS on their website at <http://www.tealsk12.org>.

Sincerely,

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