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STEAM Academy Reopening Letter

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Dear STEAM Academy Community,

The purpose of this letter is to update STEAM Academy families on the program closure and reopening date.

We realize the STEAM Academy program closure this week has been an inconvenience for your families. I apologize for the last-minute communication regarding the closure, the lack of details and misinformation surrounding this situation. The team is navigating the COVID related challenges for the first time since school has fully reopened.

On Tuesday September 13th STEAM Academy received notification of a positive COVID-19 test of a student. Due to close contact, this exposure impacted staff and students. Multiple staff reported symptoms the next day consistent with COVID-19 which caused STEAM Academy to activate the SCUSD emergency COVID protocol. This severely limited our ability to operate a safe program. We are unable to operate program until all staff are symptom free and produce a negative COVID-19 test. None of our staff has tested positive for COVID-19 and everyone impacted has been tested. Staff that have been quarantined will continue to test twice per week and plan to return in the next 10-14 days.

Since we haven't had any positive tests and most of our staff have been cleared to return, I'm pleased to announce that STEAM Academy will reopen on Monday, September 20th. We're ready to provide the consistent programing families have been accustomed to.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we improve our communication protocol.

We thank you for your trust in us to provide Expanded Learning programs to our community and we will strive to be better and more accurate with our communications to families. I will be at program on Monday September 20th to answer any questions you may have or you may reach me at jason@sccsc.org.

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