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Dear Parent(s) and Student(s),

My name is Emmanuel Escamilla and I am currently coordinating the CodeX Program. This summer, as an enrichment opportunity, Sylvan School District's incoming seventh and eight grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a seven-week computer programming summer camp focused on teaching students the fundamentals of developing Android phone applications and media literacy.

The purpose of the CodeX Program is to expose students to the tech sector by providing a high energy and hands-on learning environment, allowing students to interact with new technologies.

The goals of the CodeX Program are to:

1. Support the development of students' creative, critical reasoning, and collaborative skills- all of which can be learned through coding.
2. Equip students with the fundamental knowledge of app creation and to build students' self-esteem through the skills they develop, making them viable candidates for future college admission and employment.
3. Provide opportunities and resources for students to explore computer science as a possible field of study or future career.

Our summer program will run from June 12th to July 28th, at your child's middle school. This is the first coding program to be established in Modesto, CA and one of only a handful of programs in the Central Valley.

The opportunity to participate in the CodeX Program will be offered to twenty-four students from the middle school you child is attending. Our program is supported by the Harvard University Innovation Lab, UC Berkeley Computer Science Department, and DataPath, Inc. CodeX has been recognized by Westly Prize Foundation as one of six top innovations in Califronia, and our students won first plaece in the 2016 Congressional App Challenge. We are excited to offer your child this great opportunity to be exposed to the tech sector.

Attached to this letter is an application to the program, which must be completed and submitted to the front office of your child's school in order for them to be an eligible applicant. You may also apply online at codexprogram.com

Applications will be accepted until April 3, 2017. Selected students will be annoucned on May 8, 2017. If you would like more information, please contact Emmanuel Escamilla at 209.312.5401 or email: emmanuel@codexprogram.com

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