



April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In your student's Introduction to Computer Science class this spring, we have been working in teams to design mobile device App's. These projects' designs have the opportunity to be entered into the Youth Apps Challenge through the Technology Alliance\*, where students compete with other teams for prizes and recognition of their innovative work. Participation is voluntary and optional and will not affect a student's grade; however it is a great chance to highlight their experience with teamwork in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) activity, and potential award recognition and experience could enhance future college and/or internship applications; not to mention inspire them to further develop their technical skills.

To participate, student teams must complete and independently upload publicly three components: 1) A 60 second Pitch Video featuring students, 2) Their detailed Project Presentation, and 3) The Wireframe Screens of their App design. Before doing so, students' must have the attached "Youth Apps Challenge Release Form" and "Seattle Public Schools Photo/Video Release Form" reviewed and signed by their parent/guardian along with their own signature. Teams may still submit their project if other team members cannot participate, but those other students' images will not be used in the video or photos (only first names of all students are documented to protect their identity). Full details & requirements of the Youth Apps Challenge (YAC) can be found:

- YAC Contest Page: <http://www.technology-alliance.com/youth-apps/>
- Challenge Rules & Requirements: <http://www.technology-alliance.com/youth-apps/>

To grant permission for your student to participate, please review with your student and sign the two attached forms (both sides) and have them returned promptly so we can proceed with assembling the details. The deadline is next week, so we need to work promptly. Sorry for the rush, but I needed to wait till today when registration opened to make sure all requirements were fully detailed.

Please talk to your student about their Apps project and feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Youth Apps Challenge or our class. Thanks you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

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\* The Technology Alliance overseeing the Youth Apps Challenge is an independent non-profit organization and not directly associated with Seattle Public Schools or Garfield High School. Attached