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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE LINDEN STEAM ACADEMY PARENT AND COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP MEETING

April, 2018

Dear Linden STEAM Academy Parent/Guardian/Community Member:

The process of selecting an outstanding educational leader as Principal of Linden STEAM Academy is an inclusive process and one that involves the efforts of the entire Linden community. Selecting a principal is critically important work. The decision is not based on credentials alone. It is a decision based on a complex array of factors, but none more important than listening to those who know what good leadership means to them and what success looks like when all goes well.

We would like to invite you to attend the <u>Parent/Guardian Community FOCUS</u> GROUP MEETING on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Linden STEAM Academy Library. Attendance at this meeting is strictly voluntary. However, please know that by participating in this meeting you bring to the members of the interview team and the Superintendent of Schools valuable insight that is vital in developing a candidate profile. The focus group questions which will guide us through the meeting are as follows:

- 1. What are the technical skills and knowledge that a principal must have to be successful in Malden?
- 2. What are the leadership skills and knowledge that a principal must have to be successful in Malden?
- 3. What are the performance skills, competencies and experiences that you believe will continue to foster professional development and academic excellence in the Malden community?
- 4. What priorities will move the Linden STEAM and the community forward?
- 5. Overall comments and thoughts.

If you are unavailable to attend but would like to forward your feedback on the topics to be discussed above, please contact me, John Oteri via email at **joteri@maldenps.org** or fax at: 781-397-7276.

Thank you,

John Oteri

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