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Dear Parents and Students,

I am writing to update you on an exciting new partnership between Chartiers-Houston School District and Coursera. Coursera's "Coursera for Campus" will provide online STEAM Career Courses for students in grades 11 and 12. Coursera is recognized as a leader in coordinating and facilitating STEAM/ Computer Science courses for learners across the globe. This partnership is made available through an LSA grant. This partnership is part of a larger, multi-year project to convert the Junior/Senior High School Library into a Digital Media Center, **however your sons and daughters will be able to access career content in the upcoming 2024-2025 school year!**

Coursera is a global online learning system that offers students access to online courses from over 250 world class universities and technology companies, like Duke, Yale, IBM and Google. With Coursera, students will be able to take courses that are innovative, flexible, asynchronous, and aligned to in demand STEAM careers. Students will be able to earn micro-credentials in these courses that will increase their chances for employment in a STEAM career or build on STEAM skills and competencies that they can use in college. The partnership with Coursera forms an end point of our K-12 STEAM initiatives, which include the K-6 STEAM lab, Digital Citizen course work, eSports club and Minecraft Elective. Coursera for campus provides students with data driven expertise, skill-based learning pathways and recognized credentials to help build economic opportunities.

Our intent is to roll these classes out in the Fall of 2024 and to enable students to have the opportunity to begin learning and earning micro credentials in areas such as C++, Java, Game Design, Web Security, and Computer Programming. To find out more about Coursera for Campus, Ms. Jennifer Campbell will be hosting an evening parent meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 in the high school auditorium. Please come out to learn more about Coursera and how these online courses can help your children grow and master their STEAM computer skills, making them more competitive for college and career.

Sincerely,


Dr. Gary Peiffer
Superintendent