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New STEM Program Establishes Groundbreaking Improvements for Austin Independent School District

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Austin, TX – Austin Public Schools is launching "Futures Initiative" to empower the next generation of geniuses.

With the start of the "Futures Initiative" program in August 2024, Austin Public Schools is set to transform education by integrating advanced technology and innovative teaching methods across all its schools.

"Futures Initiative" will provide students with the skills that are essential to succeeding in a rapidly evolving digital world.

The program introduces enhanced STEM curriculum, coding classes across grade levels, new robotics clubs, and partnerships with leading tech companies throughout Texas.

"The 'Futures Initiative' program is a pledge to our students and community. We're preparing our youth to navigate the future of technology, and we will ensure they're not just participants but drivers of change. This will lay a foundation for lifelong learning and success," said Dr. Maria Hernandez, Superintendent of Austin Public Schools.

The design of the program stands out for its wide-reaching approach to education. Beyond the classroom, "Futures Initiatives" will allow schools to collaborate with community and industry professionals, providing both students and teachers to engage in real-world experiences like internships and mentorships.

The launch of "Futures Initiatives" is a response to the growing demand for technological proficiency and aims to close the digital divide, ensuring all students have equal opportunities to pursue careers in STEM fields.

Austin Public Schools invites students, parents, educators, and community members to learn more about the launch of "Futures Initiative" and how they can support or participate in this groundbreaking program.

Austin Public Schools is fully committed to creating a community of young, critical and innovative thinkers. With "Future Initiatives" the district is hopeful to make every student digitally literate, with a special emphasis on coding, robotics, and digital safety.

## **About Austin Public Schools:**

With a mission to "Inspire, Empower, and Accelerate," Austin Public Schools serves a diverse student body across grades K-12 (Austin Public Schools). By integrating cutting-edge STEM and technology into our curriculum, we're committed to providing hands-on experiences that promote digital proficiency and prepare students for the future.

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