

**Elective
Future City**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Every student in grades seven and eight are offered one of four competition options. Your child has chosen to participate in **Future City** as his/her elective. This elective is an extra-curricular activity and no class time is provided during the school day for this elective. This elective meets after school and on Saturdays. Times available for the students to stay after school can be found on the Activities Calendar on the MQA web site. For this elective, students are expected to make arrangements to stay after school on Thursdays and to meet with Mrs. Kuniak for a working lunch. Saturdays may also be scheduled as/if needed.

Future City is an academic program designed to promote engineering and research. By showing creativity and becoming an expert on the annual topic, participants will design a city of the future that is sound in all elements of city planning, write a paper, and build a model of their city. Three of the team members will present the model at the regional competition. The regional competition will be held in January at the Carnegie Music Hall (connected to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History). The first place team will go onto the national competition in February. In addition to the activity period, students are required to spend time after school for additional work. Saturday sessions are also required. Additional information about Future City may be found at www.futurecity.org. We hope that your child has a positive experience in this program.

Mrs. Kuniak & Mrs. Orłowski

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Name _____ **Grade** _____ **Homeroom** _____

I and my child understand that as a participant in **Future City** there are obligations in selecting this competition activity. I will encourage my child to be committed and focused on his/her project. I understand that this project requires extensive research that will be done after school and at home. I will see that my child attends the required after school session and Saturday sessions for research, to create his/her project, and for preparation as needed.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____