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CityStep at Harvard University
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Dear CityStep Parents and Families,

It is almost time for CityStep 2014-2015 to begin, and we are so excited! This letter will include further details about your child's class, including scheduling information and dates to remember. As you may know, CityStep is a three-year program. Your sixth grader will have the option of participating in the Second-Year Program (2YP) this year.

First, a bit about us: CityStep consists of 35 Harvard undergraduates who teach hip-hop dance to Cambridge fifth, sixth, and seventh graders, emphasizing the arts as a means of self-expression and culminating in three performances of a final show in April. This year, sixth graders have the option of joining us on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from immediately after school until 4:25 PM, on the Amigos School campus (15 Upton Street, Cambridge, MA). The district-provided bus can provide rides home, leaving Amigos at 4:30 PM.

We'd also like to go over some key dates for the year to come. After 2YP classes begin on **October 6**, with many performances taking place in December. We will resume classes the week of **Monday, January 26**, and an All-Day Rehearsal, which occurs on Harvard's campus, will take place on **Saturday, February 7**. Our Final Show performances will take place on **Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11** in at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, with technical and dress rehearsals that week. Lastly, we will host a celebratory picnic on Harvard's campus on a weekend after the Final Show. All of these dates can be found on our website at hu.citystep.org/calendar.html.

CityStep requires all students to have a complete **permission slip** and **signed behavioural contract** (see attached) on file by the first day of CityStep in order to attend classes. Please return these forms via e-mail or ask your student to bring it with him/her on the first day of CityStep class.

We are incredibly excited for this upcoming year! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to October!

Best wishes,

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