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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In order to help you best understand your child's learning this year, we will continue our years long tradition of hosting student-led conferences this fall; P-TECH ninth and tenth grade students will be leading the conferences and explaining to you what they have been doing in school. A student-led conference is much different than the traditional parent-teacher conference in which the teacher does most of the talking, the parent does the listening, and the student is often not even present. The student-led conference process is a research-based practice that empowers the students to direct and report on their progress at school.

Your child will be responsible for directing the student-led conference and will report on academic progress, articulate goals, and share examples of their work from each of their courses. Our teachers will assist and support our students throughout the preparation process in order to ensure that they are ready to present to parents and guardians. During the conferences, the role of the teacher is one of facilitator and advocate. As parents and guardians, your role will be to focus on the learning process (not just grades), recognize your child's achievements, and work with them to set future goals. In short, the students will be running the show.

Conferences will be held on the evening of November 25th and the morning of November 27nd. There will be several conferences taking place at one time within the same room. The teachers will circulate and be present for specific questions on issues that the students may not be able to answer. You can sign up for a conference time slot by scanning the QR code below, or by going online to <https://bit.ly/PTECHSLC24>.

If necessary, you may conference with specific teachers either prior to or after your scheduled student-led conference time.

We believe that the student-led conference process puts the responsibility for reporting learning where it needs to be -with the student. We are pleased with the learning that is happening at NFA P-TECH and know that our students are eager to present their progress to their family members. We thank you for working with them in this journey and look forward to seeing you during the conferences.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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