



January 2026

Greetings,

We are excited to invite you to serve as a judge for the 11th Annual Willie Hutch Jones Educational & Sports Program S.T.E.A.M. Fair, taking place on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 9:30 am to 3 pm at Waterfront Elementary School, 95 4th St., Buffalo, NY 14202.

This year's theme, "Code, Create, or Play," celebrates innovation, imagination, and hands-on learning. The S.T.E.A.M. Fair continues to be one of our most inspiring programs, bringing together students from 3rd through 12th grade who showcase their creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities through science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

We are anticipating approximately 150 entries this year, and your professional insight would have a meaningful impact on both the event and the students who participate. As a judge, you would help evaluate oral and poster presentations, engage with students about their work, and support the selection of award recipients.

No prior judging experience is required, just a willingness to encourage young minds and offer thoughtful feedback. There is only a three-hour commitment, but you are welcome to stay for the entire event.

If you are available and interested in serving as a judge, please respond to confirm your participation. Once confirmed, you will receive a detailed instruction letter outlining expectations, judging rubrics, arrival time, and logistics for the day.

Your support helps us continue providing high-quality educational experiences for youth across Western New York, and we would be honored to have you join us.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to inspire our next generation of thinkers and creators. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to lisa.napier@whjesp.org or by phone, **Lisa Napier, 716-310-1360** or **Talisa King at 716-578-2920**.

Warm regards,

The Willie Hutch Jones Educational & Sports Program