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Good Afternoon Queens United Families,

We are excited to share that Queens United Middle School will be implementing a vision of **Media and Technology studies** to complement the current broad education your scholar is already receiving.

What does this mean for your child and our school? This means our scholars will express themselves and showcase their learning by developing critical thinking skills through visual storytelling, problem solving, writing, research, collaboration and presentation through the study and use of media and technology. For example, scholars will create and produce media broadcasts and video productions. We are also in the planning process of creating a scholar centered media center in our school that will be unique to District 29.

Recently, our school was showcased by Expand Ed Schools (<http://www.expandedschools.org/about-us/press-room/press-release-1032016#sthash.qGqAgfcq.dpbs>) as a school that has implemented the Yale RULER approach (<http://ei.yale.edu/ruler/>) to social emotional learning and yielded positive outcomes for children. We will be featured in their organization's publication in the coming days. Our talented scholars created a short video explaining how we use some of these tools in our school. It is featured on our website (www.queensunited.org). We will be sharing other scholars' work products in the coming months.

Councilman Donovan Richards shares in the excitement of this vision and has plans to support its implementation. Be on the look-out for more great things to come!!

Join us in launching this vision by creating a Twitter account (it's easy and fast!) and follow us [@queensunited289](https://twitter.com/queensunited289). The link to sign up is <https://twitter.com/signup>.

Sincerely,

Rich Roder
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