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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is my distinct pleasure to serve as your son/daughter's STEM teacher for the 2017-18 school year. 21st century skills are a very important component of today's standard of college and career readiness, so I strive to instill in my students a solid technical literacy that they can apply to real-world practices. I am particularly excited to share an exciting year with my students, filled with rigorous, innovative, and fun learning experiences.

The STEM classroom is a challenging and demanding environment where important considerations for safety must be taken. I encourage all my students to remember that all mighty Tigers R.O.A.R. You can learn more about the R.O.A.R. initiative on my website. Students will be completing various hands-on projects throughout the course of the year. I ask that you please review the STEM Lab Student Agreement that was issued to your child. Please sign and return the appropriate documents before the posted due date.

I invite you to visit our STEM website ([www.ephs.tech](http://www.ephs.tech)) where you can find more information about your child's course as well as examples of student work throughout the year. On this site, you can also find my contact information including my course schedule and office hours in the event you need to schedule a conference with me.

I am confident that this will be an amazing year filled with fun, engaging, and innovative experiences for my students, their parents, and the El Paso High School community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully Yours,

Luz P. Aguirre-Rodríguez,  
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