

# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-0909

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Dear Principals and Teachers:

I am writing to invite all middle and high school students from Florida's Twelfth Congressional District to participate in the 2018 Congressional App Challenge (CAC).

Officially launched in 2015, the CAC is a nationwide event intended to engage students' creativity and encourage their participation in the STEM fields. This competition allows students to compete with peers in their own district by creating and exhibiting their software application, or "app", for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice.

Students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four, as long as two of the teammates are eligible to participate in our district. Students are encouraged to register online by Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, before submitting their app by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The apps will be judged by a panel of local judges who work within the academic, software, and/or entrepreneurial fields. The app of the winning student or team in each participating Congressional District will be featured on the U.S. House of Representatives' website ([www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)), and displayed in a U.S. Capitol exhibit in Washington, D.C. For additional details, please visit [www.congressionalappchallenge.us](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us).

I hope that your students will enjoy participating in this exciting competition. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact my District Office at 727-843-1070 or email [StudentSupport@CongressionalAppChallenge.us](mailto:StudentSupport@CongressionalAppChallenge.us).

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress