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### Formula E Race Car Visits Wayne's Automotive Technology Program



Photo Credit: Courtesy of Formula E

(WAYNE,NJ)--Prior to its unveiling at the recent press conference in Brooklyn, Formula E's show car made a pit stop at the District's Automotive Technology Program. The car required several adjustments, including the addition of a new front spoiler, as well as some freshening up after its trip from California, and since program instructor Steve Hopper's son, Michael, has been instrumental in bringing the race to New York, the natural place for that work to be done was in the program's shop at Wayne Valley.

The vehicle arrived by enclosed tractor trailer, and was covered up in the shop until Formula E representatives arrived from London with the upgraded parts to be installed. As the work was being performed, several of the Advanced Auto students from both Ken Bergen's and Steve Hopper's classes had the opportunity to learn from the experts what Formula E racing is all about. The students asked questions such as, the type of courses the cars race on, how long the batteries last, how much does the car cost, and how is this car different from Formula 1 cars. Formula E representatives, Sam Mallinson and Andy Windle answered all the students' questions and demonstrated hands-on skills necessary to work on a Formula E race car.

In just its third year, the Formula E racing body hosts 11 races in cities around the globe. Formula E's 2016-2017 season will begin October 9<sup>th</sup> in Hong Kong and will make a local appearance with a race in Brooklyn, New York in July 2017.

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