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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Public School Principals

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Section 99h, For the Inspiration and Support of Technology (FIRST)
Tech Challenge and Robotics Competition Grants

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) invites applicants for the 2014-2015 Section 99h, FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) and FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Grant. FIRST is a national program and is available to students in 7th – 12th grade. Two million dollars in funding for this grant program has been made available from FY2014 State School Aid, P.A. 60. All public school districts and public school academies in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply. Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) that enroll full-time students at the ISD are eligible to apply as well. State law prevents the use of State Aid funds for non-public school participation.

For more information regarding the grant program and to access the Request for Proposal, please see <http://www.techplan.org/rdi>. Technical assistance webinars are scheduled for the FTC and FRC grants on August 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., and September 16, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. The webinar URL is <http://remc.adobeconnect.com/first-ta/> and the audio dial-in phone number is 888-808-6929, access code 8105360. If you have any questions, please email or call Ann-Marie Smith in the Educational Technology Unit of the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation at smitha24@michigan.gov or (517) 335-2775.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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