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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 6, 2018

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants Award Announcement

I am pleased to announce that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Systems, Evaluation, and Technology, has awarded the Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants to 506 public and nonpublic districts across the state, totaling over 2,300 FIRST Robotics and VEX teams. Official award letters will be generated in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS+). A list of recipients can be found at <http://www.techplan.org/rdi/first-robotics> on December 1. Please cross reference the list of recipients with your award letters to ensure accurate documentation. Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grant public school recipients will receive their awards through the State Aid Management System (SAMs) in their December state aid payment. Non-public schools recipients will receive their award via SIGMA vendor payment system also in December.

These awards will support districts in their pursuit to improve mathematics, science, and technology skills by participating in events hosted by FIRST in Michigan, REC, or Science Olympiad. The intent of the grant is to increase the number of pupils demonstrating proficiency in science and mathematics on the state assessments and to increase the number of pupils who are college-and career-ready upon high school graduation. The competitive FIRST Robotics Grants support the MDE's Top 10 in 10 goals two, three, four, and six through several key activities.

Congratulations on a successful application. For more information on the Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants and the awards, please contact Amanda Stoel at StoelA@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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