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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 4, 2018

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

**FROM:** Sheila A. Alles   
Chief Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants

I am pleased to announce that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of P-20 Data, Information, and Research Management (P-20 DIRM), has awarded the Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants to 462 public and nonpublic districts across the state, totaling over 1375 FIRST Robotics and Science Olympiad teams. Official award letters have been generated in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS+). A list of recipients can be found at <http://www.techplan.org/rdi>. Please cross reference the list of recipients with your award letters to ensure accurate documentation. Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grant recipients will receive their awards through the State Aid Management System (SAMs) in their January state aid payment.

These awards will support districts, both public and nonpublic, in their pursuit to expand opportunities to improve mathematics, science, and technology skills through their participation in events hosted by a science and technology development program known as FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and Science Olympiad. Both programs support goal two, strategy 2.6 and 2.7 by engaging students in well-rounded learning experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), language, business, culture, and creativity as well as providing access to personalized learning technologies that support and enhance those learning experiences.

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](mailto:StoelA@michigan.gov) or by phone at 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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