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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Michael Flanagan,  Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Department of Education
 Robert W. Swanson, Director,
Department of Labor and Economic Growth

SUBJECT: High School Robotics Competition For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (*FIRST*) Grant

The Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Economic Growth are pleased to announce the High School Robotics FIRST Grant. Approximately \$150,000 in state funds will be made available for this initiative. The detailed grant announcement and application instructions can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde-grants> under the "What's New" section. This is a competitive grant program targeted to Michigan high schools.

The High School Robotics Competition FIRST Grant is designed to engage students in the study of science and technology so they have the tools to succeed in school and the 21st century workplace.

The grant applications must be submitted to the Michigan Department of Education by mail. Three application periods are available for applicants. Applications may be submitted by September 29, October 31, or November 30, 2006.

Questions regarding the High School Robotics Competition FIRST Grant may be directed to the Michigan Department of Education, Grants Administration and Coordination Unit at (517) 373-1806.

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