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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants

I am pleased to announce that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Education Improvement and Innovation (OEII), has awarded the Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants to 382 districts across the state, totaling over 1000 teams. A list of recipients can be found at <http://www.techplan.org/rdi>. Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grant recipients will receive their awards through the State Aid Management System (SAMs) in their December state aid payment.

These awards will support districts 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). The FIRST Robotics Program supports 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 or by phone at 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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