# This is a decision paper

**MEMO TO:** Members of the Hardin County Board of Education

**FROM:** Mrs. Nannette Johnston, Superintendent

**RE:** MOU with Robotics Education and Competition Foundation

**DATE:** December 18, 2014

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The Robotics Education and Competition Foundation (RECF) has made available to all middle schools in Hardin County a Vex Robotics Competition matching grant program. This grant provides funding for each middle school to field a Vex Robotics Competition team with all start-up expenses paid for each school (approximately $600 per school, or $3,000 for the district), provided that each school provide the same matching funds to support a second team. This program promotes STEM education for our middle school students while teaching both problem solving and work ethic. It is a fantastic opportunity to spread the Vex Robotics and Project Lead The Way curriculum across the district, building a pipeline for our high school programs. The total expense to the district will be approximately $3,000, and this funding will be used to purchase all of the start-up equipment for second team at each middle school.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the board of education approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation for the 2014-2015 school year.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

I move that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation for the 2014-2015 school year be adopted as presented.