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## YOUNG INVENTORS GEAR UP FOR THE VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION AT ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL IN ELMIRA, NY

*Robotics Students Put STEM Skills to the Test at the Express VEX Robotics Competition*

**Elmira, NY – January 11, 2018** – More than 180 leading middle and high school students and mentors from around New York State and Pennsylvania will unite at the Elmira High School on Saturday, February 3, 2018 for the 2017-2018 VEX Robotics Competition game, *In the Zone*. The action-packed tournament will feature 36 teams who will compete with and against other schools in a series of back-to-back robotics challenges. Participants will compete for the championship title by strategically executing the 2017-2018 VEX Robotics Competition game, *In the Zone*, driving robots they designed, built and programmed using [VEX EDR](#). The 2017-2018 VEX Robotics Competition game, *In the Zone* is played by stacking cones on goals, by scoring cones on mobile goals in goal zones, by having the highest stacks, and by parking robots.

This event is one of a series of tournaments taking place internationally throughout the year. VEX Competitions are recognized as the largest and fastest growing competitive robotics programs for elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and college aged students around the world. VEX Competitions represent over 20,000 teams from 45 countries that participate in more than 1,500 VEX Competition events worldwide. The season culminates each spring, with the highly-anticipated VEX Robotics World Championship, uniting top qualifying teams from local, state and international VEX Robotics events to crown World Champions.

“It’s eye-opening to see the robots these students design, build and program each season to compete in the game-based engineering challenge,” said Nathan Smith, Event Coordinator and Elmira High School Technology Teacher. “The VEX Robotics Competition provides kids with an engaging hands-on learning experience that instills a passion for STEM, and teaches them how to become critical problem solvers, which will serve them well into their future.”

The VEX Robotics Competition is managed by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation and serves as a vehicle for students to develop critical life skills such as teamwork, leadership and project management, honed through building robots and competing with like-minded students from

the local community. More information about the VEX Robotics Competition is available at [RoboticsEducation.org](http://RoboticsEducation.org), [RobotEvents.com](http://RobotEvents.com), and [VEXRobotics.com](http://VEXRobotics.com).

### **ABOUT THE REC FOUNDATION**

The REC Foundation seeks to increase student interest and involvement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by engaging students in hands-on, sustainable and affordable curriculum-based robotics engineering programs across the U.S. and internationally. Its goal is to provide these programs with services, solutions, and a community that allows them to flourish in a way that fosters the technical and interpersonal skills necessary for students to succeed in the 21st Century. The REC Foundation develops partnerships with K-12 education, higher education, government, industry, and the non-profit community to achieve this work so that one day these programs will become accessible to all students and all schools in all communities. For more information on REC Foundation, visit [www.RoboticsEducation.org](http://www.RoboticsEducation.org).

### **ABOUT THE ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Elmira City School District is a dynamic and innovative learning organization dedicated to developing learners of character who value their educational experience and can compete globally and contribute locally by collaborating with students, families, and community partners to provide meaningful opportunities in a safe and engaging environment for all.

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