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WIRED Earns Their Spot for the State Tournament

WATERFORD, Mich. – Earlier this month, three of the WIRED (Waterford Initiative for Robotics Education & Development) teams competed at the Monroe County Community College Midway tournament. WIRED is a Waterford School District STEM enrichment program for students first through eighth grade. During the tournament, teams competed in eight matches, with each match featuring two teams working in collaboration. Teams are paired together at random, the morning of the event. Those teams work together strategically to collaborate around the challenge before taking the field.

Three Waterford teams competed, and all qualified for the final round of the competition. Through programming, communication, problem-solving, robot design and gameplay, the WIRED Team 63491B from Haviland Elementary School – Isaac Stolnicki, Logan Klausen, and Everhett Boyd – under the coaching of Joseph Stolnicki, earned a Teamwork 1st Place Award at the end of the tournament, as well as a spot in the State Tournament. This year is the first year that Waterford has qualified for the Robotics Education & Competition (REC) Foundation’s annual VEX IQ State Championship.

The State Championship is **February 29, 2020**, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. The championship will comprise 60 teams of elementary students from across the state who will have to collaborate to complete challenges.

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