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## Dr. Allen:

FIRST Robotics Team 1640 is writing this letter to commend your district's robotics team, Team 1108 Panthers. Though we have never played with them directly, their reputation and record precede them. FIRST is a huge organization filled with hardworking albeit little-known teams, but not many are as successful as the Panthers.

Very few teams have done as much as quickly as the Panthers, consistently outdoing fifty to sixty other hardworking teams to win seventeen regional and championship awards in just six years. Those include several regional and division game awards, but in FIRST, winning doesn't stop on the competition field—in fact, it doesn't even start there. The Panthers exemplify this ethos, capturing awards from safety, engineering creativity and quality, web design, entrepreneurship, not to mention the coveted Chairman's Award. The Chairman's is the most prestigious award in FIRST, honoring a team's sustained success in inspiring respect for science and technology. You must be very proud of them!

We congratulate you and your students on these achievements and look forward to working with them in the future. They are an impressive team, and I am sure leaders in engineering, business, and education will look forward to working with their graduates soon as well. Please tell your students how much we value their commitment and achievement in making their schools, communities, and FIRST look good!

Best Regards,

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