



March 7, 2020

Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Indianapolis, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship.

Children in communities across the state deserve access to high-quality and meaningful educational experiences, and with this competition, they get to have those moments right here in their own backyard. As host to the largest State Championship in the country, Indiana now also has an unmatched 1,200 elementary and 600 middle school robotics teams. This championship will create fond memories for these students as they grow and continue their education, but the long-term effects will reach much further, as more individuals are led to pursue STEM pathways and ultimately fulfill careers right here in our community. The Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship helps shape the next generation of thinkers, movers, and builders, and I am proud that Indianapolis is host to such an impactful event.

Thank you to the students who have spent countless hours building and rebuilding their robots, to the parents and coaches for all the hours they have dedicated to supporting these students, and to all the volunteers that make the "Super Bowl of STEM" possible.

Best of luck to all of the competing teams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Hogsett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph H. Hogsett
Mayor
City of Indianapolis

