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## Charlotte Team Qualifies for the VEX IQ Robotics World Championships in Louisville, KY.



Saturday, March 3 saw the convergence of 32 of the highest ranked VEX IQ elementary robotics teams in Michigan. These teams came to Charlotte Middle School to compete for a place in the VEX IQ World Championships at the end of

April 2018. One team from Charlotte Upper Elementary scored enough points in their skills and programming competition to qualify for a place at the VEX IQ World Championships. This will be the first time Charlotte Upper Elementary has been represented at the VEX IQ World Robotics Championships. Team 14581G, The Kick Bots, designed, built, driven and programmed by Ethan Richardson and Logan Van Vleck from Charlotte Upper Elementary, is currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in Michigan, 42<sup>nd</sup> in the USA and 64<sup>th</sup> in the World. Charlotte Public Schools is thrilled with Ethan and Logan's accomplishments and is seeking financial support from members of the community to help offset costs associated with attendance, such as registration fees, transportation and lodging. The competition takes place from Sunday, April 29 – Tuesday, May 1 and will cost close to \$3000. If you would like to support Ethan and Logan in realizing their dream of representing Charlotte Public Schools at the VEX IQ World Robotics Championship, please send your donation to:

Charlotte Public Schools, Attn: Business Services Office, 378 State Street,  
Charlotte, MI 48813 (Reference: CUE Robotics-Worlds)