

TO: All Massachusetts Firms, Professional Organizations, and Individuals

FROM: The Board of Directors of The Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers

**RE: Your OPPORTUNITY to Support Massachusetts Middle School Students
*During this Critical Year as the National MATHCOUNTS Competition Comes to MA***

WHAT IS MATHCOUNTS?

MATHCOUNTS the premier national math enrichment program for middle-school students. Since 1982 the program has benefited more than 5,000,000 U.S. students; *thousands from Massachusetts.*

NATIONAL MATH CLUB AND MATH VIDEO CHALLENGE

The National Math Club, a component of the overall program, is free to any school or youth group who wishes to participate. The Math Video Challenge is a way for students to show off their talents in not only Math, but in creating a story and presenting that story as a video.

COMPETITION SERIES

The Competition Series is the centerpiece of the program. At the School, Chapter, State and National levels, students compete as individuals and as part of 4-student teams. The progressively-challenging competitions culminate at the National Competition, where a single State Team and a single individual are crowned National Champions.

Here in Massachusetts, the program has a proud history. Team Massachusetts won the National Competition in 2013, 2012, 1997, and 1999, and MA individuals won titles in 2013, 1998, and 1991.

We seek to continue this vital program, and ask for your support.

**This year, over 800 students representing more than 100 schools
across Massachusetts will participate in this vital program.**

Students are preparing now for chapter competitions in January and February, leading to the State Competition in March, which will determine the teams and individuals that will represent our state at National Competition in May.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Because MATHCOUNTS:

- ... impacts students and communities at the national level AND at the local level
 - ... builds the critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for success
 - ... helps kids who *love* math AND kids who *fear* math
 - ... can transform a student's experience not only in math, but in *all other areas of study*
- More details here: <http://bit.ly/ZUV577> and <http://www.Mathcounts.org/reasonstogive>

Because Massachusetts Students and Schools:

- ... cannot continue to participate in MATHCOUNTS without local support and donations
- ... deserve support if we expect them to be our state's next generation of problem-solvers

Because Massachusetts is in the National SPOTLIGHT this year:

**For the first time in the history of MATHCOUNTS, Massachusetts will
host the National MATHCOUNTS Competition in Boston on May 8, 2015**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

See next page to learn how You Can Demonstrate Your Support of Massachusetts Students

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Here's How You Can Demonstrate Your Support of Massachusetts Students:

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Contact your local middle school and ask if they participate in the program. If they do, congratulate them and offer any assistance you are comfortable with. If they do not participate, urge them to. They, and you, can learn more at www.mathcounts.org or by contacting our State Coordinator John J. Hayden, P.E. at jhayden@fstinc.com

DONATE

For Team Massachusetts, the National MATHCOUNTS Foundation supplies only about 1/3 of the operating costs. The remaining 2/3 must come from organizations such as the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers, other professional organizations, local companies, and individuals.

Suggested Tax-Deductible Contribution Levels:

\$ 1,500 - Platinum Sponsor	\$ 500 - Bronze Sponsor
\$ 1,000 - Gold Sponsor	\$ 300 - Supporting Sponsor
\$ 750 - Silver Sponsor	\$ 150 - Friend of MATHCOUNTS

ANY size donation is welcomed, to help fund and expand the program.

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. For your donation to be credited to our state's program, please make your check payable to **MATHCOUNTS Foundation** and mail it with your [Sponsor Registration Form](#) (available at mspe.com/mathcounts) to State Coordinator John J. Hayden, P.E., 4 Davis Road, Lexington, MA 02420.

Donors of \$100 or more:

will be recognized in MATHCOUNTS news releases, on the MSPE website, and in the organization's newsletter, MSPE Briefings.

Donors of \$1,000 or more

will be additionally recognized by the National MATHCOUNTS Foundation.

VOLUNTEER

Chapter Coordinator Needed

There are six (6) MATHCOUNTS Chapters throughout Massachusetts. The MetroWest Chapter currently seeks a new Coordinator to train with this year's coordinator, and assume the position for the 2015-16 school year. The time commitment is approximately 40 hours over the course of the year. For more info, contact current Chapter Coordinator Ruth Decker (ruth.decker@verizon.net) or State Coordinator John Hayden, PE (jhayden@fstinc.com)

Proctors and Scorers Needed for Chapter or State Competitions

- Chapter Competitions are held in **January & February**; the State Competition is in **March**
- Please view the Competition Schedule and Coordinators at www.mspe.com/math-counts
- ***Time commitments range from just 3 to 5 hours on the day of the competition***
- No experience is necessary and training takes only minutes on the day of the event
- For more information or to volunteer, contact a Chapter Coordinator directly

For additional information, please visit www.mathcounts.org, www.mspe.com, or contact any [MSPE Board member](#) or MATHCOUNTS State Coordinator John J. Hayden, P.E. at jhayden@fstinc.com