



**SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT INC.**  
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**MEMO TO: Principal/Science Fair Coordinator**

As you are starting the 2015-2016 school year, we thought that you should have a ‘heads-up’ regarding some of the changes occurring for the 59<sup>th</sup> Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit in 2016. These changes will provide more opportunities for schools to participate in the Science Fair and give more schools direct input in the planning and operation of the entire Science Fair. We are all excited about the new awards and incentives for students, schools, and teachers to participate in this year’s Science Fair, including the CASH awards for schools and teachers! The biggest change is MANY new categories, like Robotics & Intelligent Machines, Embedded Systems, Systems Software, Energy: Chemical, etc!

The 59<sup>th</sup> Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit will take place from March 8 – March 12, 2016 (judging on Wednesday, March 9, 2016), in Michigan Hall at Cobo Center in Detroit. All tri-county students in the 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate in the Fair.

A number of ‘color coded’ documents exist in this packet and are identified below.

<b>Color</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
Pink	This cover letter	<b>Review and distribute appropriately.</b>
Yellow	Personalized School Affiliation or Blank Manual School Agreement/Information Form	<b>Review, update and return by 12/1/15 with payment. Optionally, self-affiliate on web site (preferred) for discount.</b>
Bright Green	Calendar of events	<b>One copy for you – important dates related to SF</b>
Light Green	What’s Important for the 2015 Science Fair	<b>Review and circulate to all interested Science Teachers.</b>
Gold	SEFMD Newsletter – Numerous copies are included based on your past entries to the Science Fair. Master copy also available on the web site.	<b>Distribute to students interested in doing a science fair project.</b>
Bright Yellow	Information for Parents/Students/Teachers – Numerous copies are included. Master available on web site.	<b>Distribute to students interested in doing a science fair project.</b>
Blue	Facts about the 59 <sup>th</sup> Science Fair	<b>One or two copies for you – information about the SF</b>
Teal	Detroit Public Library Flyer – presentation/work session on how to do a Science Fair Project	<b>Distribute to students considering a project. Students must pre-register to attend session.</b>
Poster	Special 59th SEFMD poster	<b>Large poster for school. Small posters for student participants.</b>

The Intel ISEF 2016 Official Rules Book is NOT being included in this mailing this year. All special forms that are required are available at the web site: <http://www.sefmd.org> → Forms

We hope you will encourage your students to participate in this year’s Science & Engineering Fair! The Operating Council meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (248) 471-9900 or by email at [sf2016@sefmd.org](mailto:sf2016@sefmd.org).

Sincerely,

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 2015-2016 Fair Co-Directors