



**SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT INC.**  
**P.O. Box 158 • Farmington, Michigan 48332-0158**

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**MEMO TO: Principal/Science Fair Coordinator**

As you are starting the 2017-2018 school year, we thought that you should have a ‘heads-up’ regarding some of the changes occurring for the **61<sup>st</sup>** Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit in 2018. These changes will provide more opportunities for schools to participate in the Science Fair and give 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 that there are **MANY** new categories, like Robotics & Intelligent Machines, Embedded Systems, Systems Software, and Energy: Chemical, etc! In addition, we have expanded to include Southeast Michigan (a total of seven counties)!

The **61<sup>st</sup>** Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit will take place from March 13-17, 2018 (judging on Wednesday, March 14, 2018), at Cobo Center in Detroit. All students within our 7 county area (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Monroe) 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. Additional copies are available on the web site under ‘Forms/Documents’ or by request.

<b>Color</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
Yellow	This cover letter	<b>Review and distribute appropriately.</b>
Yellow (side 2)	Personalized School Affiliation	<b>Review, update and return by 12/1/17 with payment. Optionally, self-affiliate on web site for discount. On back of this page)</b>
Green	Calendar of events	<b>One copy for you – important dates related to SF</b>
Green (side 2)	Helpful Hints for Project Display & Safety	<b>One copy for you (on reverse side of Calendar)</b>
Gold	SEFMD Newsletter – Numerous copies are included based on your past entries to the Science Fair.	<b>One copy for you</b>
Bright Yellow	Information for Parents/Students/Teachers – Numerous copies are included	<b>One copy for you</b>
Blue	Facts about the 61 <sup>st</sup> Science Fair	<b>One copy for you</b>
White (color 1)	Detroit Public Library and Environmental Management Flyer - presentation/work session on how to do a Science Fair Project	<b>Please post. Students must pre-register to attend session (lunch provided, prizes for attendees)</b>
Poster	Special 61 <sup>st</sup> SEFMD poster	<b>Large and small poster for school-please post</b>

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 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (248) 471-9900 or by email at [sf2018@sefmd.org](mailto:sf2018@sefmd.org).

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Kitzmann and Timothy A. Fino  
 2017-2018 Fair Co-Directors