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

As you are starting the 2026-2027 school year, we thought that you should have a 'heads-up' regarding some of the changes occurring for the **70th** Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit in 2027. The Fair will continue to be an **In-Person Fair**, with certain components that will be required to be submitted online (for Senior Division students). ALL students within our seven-county area (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Monroe) in the 3rd-12th grades are invited to participate in the Fair! Projects may be done individually or in teams of from 2-10 students, depending on the Division.

NEW THIS YEAR: We are initiating the SEFMD Scientific Integrity Policy which all schools and participants will be asked to adhere to. The policy is fully explained in the SEFMD Scientific Integrity Policy document included in this packet.

The school affiliation fee is $75/school this year. However, schools may affiliate for **only $25**/school IF the affiliation is completed by December 1, 2026 AND the school commits to providing volunteers (parents or teachers) to help during the week of the Fair. Preliminary judging for professional awards will take place virtually for all projects, over several days, from March 1, 2027 through March 8, 2027. Project setup at Huntington Place in Detroit will be on Tuesday, March 16, 2027. Wednesday, March 17, 2027 will be the in-person round of judging. Please see the enclosed calendar for additional key dates.

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. Hyperlinks are given for each of the documents (all on the website)

Color	Description	Action Requested
Yellow	This cover letter	**Review and distribute appropriately.**
Yellow-2	School Affiliation Information	**Schools should affiliate by 12/1/2026.**
Buff	What's New for the 2027 Fair	**Review and distribute appropriately.**
Pink	**SEFMD Scientific Integrity Policy (NEW!)**	**Review and distribute appropriately.**
Green	Calendar of events	**One copy for you – important dates related to SF**
Green-2	Helpful Hints for Project Display & Safety	**One copy for you (on reverse side of Calendar)**
White/ Color	SEFMD Newsletter – Numerous copies are included based on your past entries to the Science Fair.	**One copy for you; please distribute the remaining copies to your science teachers.**
Blue	Facts about the 70th Science Fair	**One copy for you**
White	Science Fair Mentoring Event Flyer – Virtual workshops available during October/November	**Please post. Students must pre-register to attend any of the online sessions. Topics vary each week.**
Poster	Special 70th SEFMD poster	**Large and small poster for school. Please post.**
Color	Highlights of 2026 SEFMD	**One copy for you to post**
Postcard	SEFMD Postcard-General Info	**One copy for you to post**

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! If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (248) 471-9900 or by email at sf2027@sefmd.org.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kitzmann and Tim Fino
2026-2027 Fair Co-Directors