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Surry FLL Pushing Forward to State Level

Members of the Surry County Schools' middle school robotics teams competed this week in regional qualifying events. Central Middle, Gentry Middle, Meadowview Magnet Middle, and Pilot Mountain Middle Schools competed and each of these schools hosts two First Lego League teams. The regional qualifying tournament itself is one of the larger events in the state, having a total of 24 teams who registered to participate.

Teams are evaluated in 4 areas; Innovative Project, Robot Design, Core Values, and Robot Runs. The first three areas were judged virtually during the past week with both in-person and virtual Robot Runs taking place over the weekend. High-scoring teams will advance to the state competitions.

Team 7899 of Central Middle School, CMS Cruisers, received recognition for Innovative Projects and will move forward to the state-level competition in January. Team 7901 of Central Middle School also received an Innovative Projects Award and had scores that qualified them to move forward to the state competition. Team 7908 of Pilot Mountain Middle School will serve as an alternate for the state-level competition.

Dr. Danley Quote: "I am thankful our students have an opportunity to learn and compete in the Surry County robotics competition. Our students learn so many valuable skills while participating in this event. I am thankful for our business sponsors who make this event possible. Our students are future engineers, computer programmers, and scientists. They are also learning and demonstrating leadership skills and teamwork."

Mr. Edwards Quote: Mr. Jeff Edwards, Surry County Schools Science/STEM Coordinator stated, "Congratulations to all of these teams and their coaches for their hard work and effort at the regional qualifying events. We look forward to seeing our students push forward to the state-level competition!"