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Dear Potential Sponsor,

My name is Eric Ballard and I am a Science teacher and the head coach for Loranger Middle School's robotics team, the Wolf-Bytes. The Wolf-Bytes are returning for their second year, following a very successful rookie debut. Last year, the team won 1st place in "Core Values" during their regional qualifier and took 1st place in the "Innovation Project" at the state level. Due to this success, the students want a path forward throughout highschool as well. We intend to build a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team this year too. Look out for the upcoming highschool team, the MalWere Wolves!

Every fall, middle school robotics teams all over the country participate in the FIRST Lego League (FLL) and compete in their yearly challenge. Many teams in our area also participate in the WWII Museum Robot Challenge (sponsored by Chevron and Boeing in New Orleans). The Wolf-Bytes are extremely excited to return for the 2021/2022 season and plan to compete in both leagues this year.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for students in our community to have access to a program like this. The skills learned in this program have the potential to completely change students' lives. These experiences also have the potential to propel students through rigorous high school programs that will open doors to amazing college programs. Our goal in Loranger is to create a STEM pathway for students to follow from 6th through 12th grade. To provide this incredible service, The Wolf-Bytes and I are reaching out for donations and sponsorships. To keep our program operational and growing, we are asking for your help. **Our equipment needs:**

- Windows based laptops to program our robots
- SPIKE Prime Education Edition robot
- Travel expenses and registration fees
- Technic parts for maintenance, build expansion packs, robot batteries
- Various art supplies to support models and projects.

Any donations towards our program would be greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to **Loranger Middle School, MEMO:robotics team**. Also consider following our team's progress on Instagram and Facebook. Find us at **@LMSRobotics1** in either search engine. We will be posting regular updates on both platforms. For any further inquiries, feel free to email me. Lastly, the students and faculty at Loranger Middle School thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause!

Sincerely,

Eric R. Ballard