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Hello, My name is Seth Laplant and I am the volunteer media and marketing mentor for FRC Team 6329 The Bucks' Wrath from Bucksport, Maine. I have been an educator for 25 years and have worked on many experiential learning initiatives such as the The Skipper's Program and Marine Studies Pathway in Deer Isle Maine. No other experiential learning comes close to the experience of competitive robotics through FIRST. The students have authentic enthusiasm for learning and striving for excellence. The program offers so many entry points for students to be involved and follow their interests of coding, design, engineering, construction, marketing, and media. And while they follow those interests they collect and analyze data, they communicate with professionals, and build a community of youth excited about learning and the future. Currently this activity costs a lot of money (especially in Maine) due to the extensive travel required. The Bucks' Wrath is providing a model to add excitement and authenticity in education in Maine and the support of the state at these early stages of this "new" sport would help us spread this invaluable learning to other towns and districts in Maine. Check out this video that our media team put together to help spread how exciting and amazing this sport is.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GIfld04kkQ&t=84s>

Thank you. 207 702 0456 if you have any questions.