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SUDBURY STUDENTS PUT THEIR ROBOTS TO THE TEST AT SCIENCE NORTH

Sudbury, ON — Science North was buzzing today with creativity, problem-solving, and robotics as students from across Greater Sudbury competed in the first ever Robot Builder Showdown, a hands-on robotics competition focused on coding, engineering, and teamwork.

The event brought together grade four to six students from the Sudbury Catholic District School Board (SCDSB) and the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) for a full day of collaborative competition.

A total of 20 teams, each made up of three students, were tasked with a fast-paced build challenge using LEGO Spike Essential kits. Teams designed, built, and programmed robots to complete mining-inspired coding challenges.

Quotes

I am thrilled to see our students' creativity and innovation come to life at the Robot Builder Showdown. This hands-on experience at Science North captures the spirit of our motto this year — We are building — as we continue to grow our STEM and Robotics program across the Sudbury Catholic District School Board. I am deeply grateful to our wonderful educators for organizing this exciting opportunity and extend a special thank you to our great partner, Science North, for facilitating this incredible learning experience. Together, we are building curiosity, confidence, and a strong foundation for the future.

Morris Hucal, Director of Education, Sudbury Catholic District School Board.

Science North takes STEM to the next level by presenting high energy educational activities that are relevant and rewarding. When students engage in experiential learning, they grow skills for the 21st century - critical

thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration.

Bruce Bourget, Director of Education, Rainbow District School Board.

It has been a privilege to host an event like the Robot Builder Showdown. By bringing school boards together and connecting students with meaningful STEM experiences, we're building inspiration, confidence, and opportunity for the next generation of innovators in Northern Ontario.

Ashley Larose MSc, CEO of Science North.

About Science North

Science North brings science to life by connecting people through stories, curiosity, and shared exploration. As Northern Ontario's premier science destination, it offers immersive, hands-on experiences at two dynamic science centres in Greater Sudbury: Science North and Dynamic Earth. At Science North, visitors explore world-class exhibits, an IMAX® theatre, a digital Planetarium, a butterfly gallery, and four floors of interactive STEM experiences. Dynamic Earth, home to the iconic Big Nickel, features earth sciences exhibits, a lapidary lab, and an underground mining tour. Beyond its walls, Science North sparks curiosity across Northern Ontario with dedicated satellite offices in Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. Through these hub locations Science North provides innovative outreach programs, long-term exhibitions, school visits, festivals, and summer camps across the North. Science North also creates and tours award-winning exhibitions and immersive experiences worldwide. In partnership with Laurentian University, it also delivers North America's only comprehensive Science Communication graduate program. Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For more information, visit sciencenorth.ca.

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