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For the first time in what seems like forever, a live in-person MSHSL State Competition was back! Based on their successful run at the Lake Superior Regional event, Denfeld's DNA robotics team was very excited to qualify as one of the 36 teams invited for the State Championship competition. This is a huge accomplishment as there are over 200 robotics teams in the state of Minnesota. Along with Esko's SubZero robotics team, DNA qualified as one of the top two representing Section 7.

At the State Championship, DNA played 8 of the 48 qualification matches placing 12th in Minnesota's State Competition. The competition at State was very challenging with lots of ups and downs. Having played extremely well over the course of the qualifiers, DNA was hopeful for a shot at the playoff rounds, pulling out several match wins with last second shots. Although we didn't get the chance to join an alliance for the semi-finals, our team was very proud of our performance, competing with the best robots in the state. Throughout the season, our team discovered their inner cheerleader with light-sticks, DNA light-up signs, glowing shoes, and LED glasses. The team spirit was a powerful force guiding our team through some tough matches.

After State, DNA let loose at Dave and Busters to celebrate their season successes. DNA spent hours playing different Arcade games, which helped the team relax after a long season. DNA enjoyed having mini dance-offs and playing games together.

DNA would like to thank the many teams at State, and the gracious professionalism that made it such a fun competition. We would also like to thank the many parents and other supporters that came to cheer us on during the matches. A special thank you to all the sponsors and investors for supporting us throughout this competitive season, and making our team possible. Lastly, we would like to thank the amazing volunteers at Minnesota's State Competition for putting on such a wonderful event!

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