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Dear Mr. Murray G Chandler,

The chess competition among school teams BELAYA LADYA is celebrating its 50th anniversary!
We are pleased to invite you to join the BELAYA LADYA in 2019!

For more information visit the RCF website <http://ruchess.ru/en/> or contact us at agafonova@ruchess.ru.

The organizers of the Belaya Ladya tournaments are the Russian Chess Federation and the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation. The competitions are supported by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and Elena and Gennady Timchenko Foundation.

The final of the Open All-Russian BELAYA LADYA Competition among school teams will be held in Sochi within June 1-11.

Since 2015, the final stage of BELAYA LADYA has become international. In 2018, there were 21 foreign teams in addition to the 79 best teams from different regions of Russia: Armenia, Belarus, Czech Republic, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden and Turkmenistan.

Traditionally Belaya Ladya participants enjoy an extensive cultural and entertainment programmes as well as football and volleyball – all that in addition to chess battles and games analysis with famous trainers and leading grand masters.

The tournament participants are school pupils under the age of 14. The qualification matches take place in several stages in the provinces and the strongest teams meet in the final. Each team has five members including four players (at least one girl) and one team leader. The main condition is that the team members should represent one school and the schools shouldn't be sports-oriented. Russian Chess Federation covers accommodation and local transfers of the teams. Belaya Ladya was established in 1969 and it annually expands its range of participants.

We are happy to invite your best school team to take part in the BELAYA LADYA 2019 in Sochi!

Sincerely Yours,
Mark Glukhovskiy
Executive Director of Russian Chess Federation

