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## Educators and Students,

It is with great disappointment that AISC announces the cancellation of the 2019-2020 Student Steel Bridge Competition. It was our intention to release rules for virtual participation this week, but the recent escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to change course. Most universities and schools have now discontinued all in-person activities for the balance of the term and have banned any gatherings on campus.

AISC will not hold virtual or in-person Regional Events or the National Finals this year. This difficult decision was made for the health and safety of not just students and faculty but also your local communities. We know how dedicated and passionate you are about this competition, but we ask you to please stop work until next year.

We recognize how disappointing this is given how much effort, time, and resources your team has already invested. In order to minimize losses, the Rules Committee will keep the bridge geometry the same for the 2020-2021 school year competition with other rules subject to change.

We look forward to seeing you all next year. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

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