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SSBC Participants, Faculty Advisors, and fans:

After evaluating health and safety concerns regarding traveling and hosting large events that now extend well into 2021, we have decided that Student Steel Bridge Competition events will be completely virtual in 2021.

AISC will not hold in-person Regional Events or in-person National Finals this year. It's not feasible to hold safe, responsible in-person competitions during the pandemic.

We know that the Student Steel Bridge Competition is a highlight of many students' college experiences. With so many disruptions to college life this year, it's particularly important that we give students the best SSBC we possibly can. I'm so pleased that we can continue to offer the opportunity to compete at the regional and national levels, albeit in a slightly different format.

We will go forward with the Compete from Campus version of the competition, where teams can participate in construction and loading from their own campus, and the design-only Supplemental Competition, where teams can do all work remotely.

You'll find the newly released Compete from Campus guidelines at aisc.org/ssbc. We're hosting a webinar on December 9 to talk about how it works; I hope you and your team can join us to learn all the details. Stay tuned for more information on 2021 SSBC Virtual Regional Events and National Finals, which will include awards ceremonies, social events, team videos, and more of the SSBC experiences students have told us make this competition so special. We look forward to seeing you virtually in 2021--and, I hope, in person in 2022!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Harber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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