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It is with deep regrets that I am announcing that the 2019-2020 Science Olympiad Missouri state tournament has been canceled by the Board of Directors and guidance from the National Science Olympiad.

"The Science Olympiad National Executive Board has recommended that all Science Olympiad Division B and C qualifying tournaments on a forward-going basis be canceled and will support any state's decision to halt the 2019-2020 season. We do realize that different parts of the country are experiencing the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation disproportionately, but in this instance, we feel that supporting each other and showing solidarity to those students who are affected is important. Health and safety come first."

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to help Missouri Science Olympiad hold their state tournament on your campus. I have tried to include those who have volunteer and emailed me directly, but could you make a post to the students so that all will know the details.

I believe that our decision is ultimately for the best and that we can all look forward to a successful season next year where the events will remain the same.

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