



From: Bruce Potter State Director

Dear NY SkillsUSA Members and Stakeholders:

Please know that the health and wellbeing of our students, advisors and stakeholders is our steadfast and primary concern and that will be the foundation of every decision we make as an organization.

The staff has been in contact with many of our schools and partners and the information that came back lead us to evaluate of upcoming State event.

The fact that this COVID-19 was not going to be over by our event, on March 16, 2020 we made the decision that we cancel the State Event scheduled for April 22-24, 2020.

We know that many students have worked very hard for the contests and have developed many items for the contests but it was just not possible to hold it with the restriction that have been imposed by the state as to groups gathering.

SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) is scheduled for late June. While a decision on the status of the National NLSC has not yet been determined, they are looking at what is happening around the country.

One thing is certain: they will not be holding any event that would put students and communities in danger. SkillsUSA National plans to make an official announcement on the status of National NLSC by the week of April 13.

The Staff and I will continue to monitor this and will look at all our alternatives as they develop. With many schools not opening until mid and late April it may be difficult to develop alternatives.

This is unique challenging, ever-evolving situation for all of us, but I can assure you that we are doing our best make the right decisions for our members.

We will come out with updates as things develop and will post them on the website and in advisors update e-mails as needed.

The Staff and I wish you all are safe in this situation.