Dear SkillsUSA Iowa Community,

With the COVID-19 situation developing quickly, we believe it’s important to be transparent about how SkillsUSA Iowa is responding to the outbreak. Our philosophy as an organization is to approach this situation with empathy and urgency; SkillsUSA Iowa’s top priority is the health and safety of our members, educators, staff, and stakeholders.

2020 State Leadership and Skills Conference
For this reason, SkillsUSA Iowa has decided to remove the in-person component of the 2020 State Leadership and Skills Conference. However, accommodations are currently being explored to continue with the competitive events process. This is dependent on whether the 2020 National Leadership and Skills Conference will take place. Nationals will make their decision the week of April 13, 2020. If the national event continues as planned, SkillsUSA Iowa will have a path of technical testing to qualify to represent Iowa. These tests will be available to take from home. We will provide details as needed.

Business Session
Election of Officers: Leadership is a huge component of the SkillsUSA framework, and SkillsUSA Iowa is committed to ensuring we have students representing and leading our organization. SkillsUSA Iowa will host a Business Meeting via Zoom on April 23rd at 7 pm to elect your 2020-2021 State Officers.

You can tune into the Business Meeting by accessing this link on your electronic device:

https://IDOE.zoom.us/j/6293672805

Alternatively, you may also call in at 1 312 626 6799 with the authorization code Meeting ID: 629 367 2805.

We realize the disappointment this will cause our students and teachers who have worked so incredibly hard this year. However, we also know that the same dedication and work ethic - along with so many other positive characteristics gained from SkillsUSA involvement - will help us all weather this storm and make us stronger.

We hope this information helps you understand how SkillsUSA Iowa is responding to COVID-19, and we appreciate your continued support.

Teresa Mankin, Executive Director
and the SkillsUSA Iowa Board of Directors