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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:
Regional Site Coordinators
Team Coaches
Event Supervisors

Re: New York State Science Olympiad
Important Information regarding all 2021 Tournaments

To the Friends and Members of the New York State Science Olympiad:

I hope this letter finds you all well. I would also like to take this opportunity to say that I greatly appreciate your patience over the past few weeks.

Below, please find information concerning the upcoming 2021 Regional and State Tournaments for both Division B and Division C:

1) **UPCOMING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

Regional Tournament: Division B	Regional Tournament: Division C
STAR Program Saturday, March 6, 2021	STAR Program Saturday, March 20, 2021
State Tournament: Division B	State Tournament: Division C
STAR Program Saturday, April 17, 2021	STAR Program Saturday, April 10, 2021
<i>The posted schedule of Events for both Regional and State Tournaments for Division B remains <u>unchanged</u>.</i>	<i>The posted schedule of Events for both Regional and State Tournaments for Division C remains <u>unchanged</u>.</i>

The selection of these new dates for the Regional and State Tournaments for Division C takes into account religious holidays, SAT administration, ACT administration, and the upcoming week of AP Test administration. The Board and I apologize for any inconvenience that might arise to this rescheduling.

2) TOURNAMENT FORMS:

As many of you no doubt remember from past in-person Tournaments, the following Tournament Forms are generally submitted on the day of the Tournaments when Team Coaches complete their Team's morning check-in procedures:

- a) Student Publicity Release Form;
- b) Student Registration Form;
- c) Student Registration Form for Alternates;
- d) Tournament Signature Form;
- e) Vandalism Form; and
- f) Medical Form (presented, but without submission).

Since the upcoming Tournaments will be conducted virtually, the above Tournament Forms **need not** be submitted to the respective Regional Site Coordinators. Instead, these above-listed forms are to be completed as usual, **but are to be maintained by the Team Coach**.

3) PRACTICE TEST UPDATE:

A single Practice Test and Generic Student Answer Sheet will be made available from Saturday, February 20, 2021 through Saturday, February 27, 2021.

The password for this Practice Test and Generic Student Answer Sheet is: **Password**

Some notes regarding the Practice Tests from early January 2021:

- a) The Practice Tests and Generic Student Answer Sheets were provided **primarily** to allow Students, Team Coaches, Event Supervisors, etc. to familiarize themselves with the functionalities of Dropbox, **not** necessarily for Test Event content.
- b) Out of all of the Registered Teams throughout New York State, only 6% of these Teams trialed the Practice Tests and Generic Student Answer Sheets.
- c) You are **strongly urged** to avail yourself of this Practice Test and Generic Student Answer Sheet. Only one Practice Test is being offered, please make use of it before Tournament Day. It is being made available solely to trouble shoot Dropbox use.

4) Dropbox:

As was announced in August of 2020, we will be using Dropbox for our Regional and State Tournaments. The directions currently posted to our website regarding Dropbox are still accurate, Team Coaches are strongly urged to discuss these directions with their Student Event Participants. **Please be aware, however, of two important changes to these directions:**

a) Student Answer Sheet during the Event:

Students are **NOT** to enter their names on the Student Answer Sheet. Instead, Students are to enter their **initials**. So, if Terence Abernathy and Constance Abernathy are participating in the Event, they would enter "T.A. & C.A." See illustration below.

EVENT:	Dynamic Planet	<i>For Event Supervisors Only</i>
SCHOOL NAME:	Sarsfield Academy A	FINAL EVENT SCORE:
TEAM NUMBER:	#10	_____
STUDENT INITIALS:	T.A. & C.A.	EVENT RANK:
EMAIL ADDRESS:	test@newyorkscioly.org	_____ / _____
DIRECTIONS:	<p>a) The lines provided above for School Name, Team Number, and Student Initials must be accurately completed, otherwise the student answer sheet will NOT be graded.</p> <p>b) Place your answers in the corresponding rows below.</p> <p>c) You will have exactly 60 minutes to download the exam and the student answer sheet, to complete the exam, and then to upload the student answer sheet to the appropriate drop box assignment location.</p> <p>d) Only ONE student answer sheet per team will be graded.</p> <p>e) Any student answer sheet submitted after the specified time will NOT be graded.</p>	<i>For Event Supervisors</i> ↓↓↓ Only ↓↓↓
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b) Student Answer Sheet at Submission:

When the Student Answer Sheet is to be submitted, two required fields also need to be completed:

- 1) In the field titled "Your Name," **DO NOT ENTER YOUR NAME**. Instead, please enter your School Name, Team Name, and Team Number. So, if Students from Sarsfield Academy, Team A, Team #10 are submitting the Student Answer Sheet, they would enter "Sarsfield Academy A #10." See illustration below.
- 2) In the field titled "Your email address," **DO NOT ENTER YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS**. Instead, please enter this e-mail address: test@newyorkscioly.org. See illustration below.

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Your name: Sarsfield Academy A #10

Your email address: test@newyorkscioly.org

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- c) The information cited above in items a) and b) is also applicable to the Practice Test and Generic Student Answer Sheet.

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*These changes are being put into place in order to reduce any occasion where NYSSO might be or come to be in possession of a Student's personally identifiable information. In order to ensure compliance with these changes, any Student Answer Sheet containing a Student's personally identifiable information (e.g., Student Name, Student E-mail, etc.) will not be graded, will be deleted, and the Team will be assessed with a **Disqualification for that Event.***

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Again, I appreciate your patience, understanding, and consideration over the past few weeks. I wish you, your Regions, and your Teams the best of luck, health, and success this season.

As always, should you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ John J. Beauregard

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