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To: Educators
From: Southeast District MoDOT Team
Date: September 23, 2020
Re: MoDOT Bridge Competition

Thank you once again for participation in our annual Bridge Building Competition for high school juniors and seniors. We are pleased to have you as part of our event.

Each student you registered for the event should be receiving a bridge kit that includes 2020 Official Rules, glue, string, yellow ID tag, and 30 pieces of balsa wood. We will be putting a copy of the Official Rules out on our website. After your students complete their bridges, **please place their yellow ID tag on the bridge end as shown in the photo below.** Please do not “loop” the ID tag around the bridge like a bracelet - this allows us to more easily record weights on the ID tags.



We are pleased to currently offer the kits at no charge to ensure as many students who are interested get the opportunity to participate. Please help us keep our costs low by making sure if a student takes a bridge kit, that a completed bridge entry is returned. Also, remember if you use any other materials or wood not provided by MoDOT, or more materials than what's provided in each individual kit, your bridge will be DISQUALIFIED.

The virtual competition will be held on Thursday, December 10th. At this time, we are still working on the details of the virtual competition, so more information will be sent out to you at a later date.

We'll see you between October 21st – 23rd for bridge pick up! We are asking that all completed bridges be boxed up and available to our volunteers at the high school office on the morning of October 21st, because our volunteers' schedules will vary, and we cannot guarantee on which of the three days our volunteers will be available for your pickup. Our volunteers will not go into classrooms to pick up any bridges this year, due to COVID-19. Please make sure the bridges are packed as compactly as possible (**try to fit as many bridges as safely possible in each box, without using oversized boxes**) because our volunteers have to pick up several high school's bridges in one trip.

Again, thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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