

Graduation and Prom Update

Graduation: Our goal is to host an in person graduation on our regular graduation date of May 22nd. If this becomes an option we will follow social distancing requirements, more information and clarification about how that will work will be coming if we are able to get approval for an in person graduation. At this point we are waiting on guidance from Texas Education Agency Commissioner (TEA) Mike Morath, he told school district superintendents on our April 30 zoom call that he hoped to provide more information to us about graduation options next week. The Wise County school district superintendents had an encouraging meeting today (May 1) with Wise County Judge J.D. Clark and Wise County Emergency Management Services Coordinator Cody Powell about graduation. Judge Clark and Mr. Powell are both working on our behalf to receive the guidance and clarification we need from the state.

Some districts are moving forward with plans for a virtual in-vehicle graduation. At this point we are not planning on a virtual or in-vehicle type of graduation unless we have no other viable option.

Prom: Unfortunately we are cancelling this year's prom. We hope a graduation with appropriate social distancing will be an option for us, we just don't believe the social distancing requirements in place for the foreseeable future will allow us to have prom. We understand this is an important event, we appreciate the patience and understanding shown by our students and families throughout this COVID-19 situation. Seniors will be able to get a refund, the money underclassmen paid for prom will be applied toward next year's prom. More information about prom refunds will be coming from the high school soon.

We will continue to update you with information about graduation as we receive the guidance and information we need to proceed.

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