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Schedule Changes Reflected for CCPS Class of 2020 Graduation Exercises *Ceremonies set for June 25-26, 2020; Two options under continued development*

JONESBORO – The leadership of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is continuing its efforts to provide the Class of 2020 with a memorable ceremony celebrating the completion of their K-12 education. As stated earlier, graduation exercises have been postponed to June 25-26, 2020, with two formats under development at this time. The formats are based on input obtained from high school principals, members of the senior class, and the friends and relatives of those seniors.

The first format is a traditional, in-person awarding of diplomas. The ceremonies will take place in the district’s three football stadiums (Tara, Twelve Oaks and Southern Crescent). The exercises, scheduled for the coolest parts of the day, at 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

It should be noted that ceremonies for two (2) schools have been relocated to different facilities and will take place at different times following a review of available seating at the stadiums to maximize capacity in compliance with social distancing guidelines. Those schools are **Jonesboro HS, and Perry Career Academy.**

Tara	Twelve Oaks	Southern Crescent
Thursday, June 25	Thursday, June 25	Thursday, June 25
8:30 am - Lovejoy HS	<i>8:30 am - Perry Career Academy</i>	8:30 am - Charles Drew HS
8 pm - Mundy’s Mill HS	8 pm - Mt. Zion HS	8 pm - North Clayton HS
Friday, June 26	Friday, June 26	Friday, June 26
8:30 am - Morrow HS	8:30 am - Elite Scholars Academy	8:30 am - Riverdale HS
8 pm - Forest Park HS	8 pm - Stilwell SOA	<i>8 pm - Jonesboro HS</i>
June 27, 28, 29	June 27, 28, 29	June 27, 28, 29
Tentative Rain Dates	Tentative Rain Dates	Tentative Rain Dates

The opportunity to participate in this format will depend on the existing mandates regarding the gathering of large numbers of people as established by the prevailing authority (federal, state or local) at the time of this scheduled event. There may be special rules established as they relate to social distancing. The rules could limit the number of family and friends that would be allowed to attend the ceremonies through a ticketing process. More information on this aspect will be made available as more details regarding social distancing are released by the prevailing authority. All graduating seniors will be made fully aware of the social distancing guidelines in effect prior to scheduled ceremonies.

Since it is possible that the existing social distancing mandates may not allow for the traditional graduation format to take place, a second format has been tentatively established for the three-day period of June 25-27. A virtual graduation exercise will serve as an alternate. District leadership is gathering as much information as possible to share with stakeholders. Ceremonies are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Thursday, June 25	Friday, June 26	Saturday, June 27
10 am - Lovejoy HS	10 am - Jonesboro HS	10 am - Drew HS
1 pm - Mundy's Mill HS	1 pm - Mt. Zion HS	1 pm - North Clayton HS
4 pm - Morrow HS	4 pm - Elite Scholars Academy	4 pm - Riverdale HS
7 p.m. - Forest Park HS	7 pm - Stilwell SOA	7 pm - Perry Career Academy

Further updates related to graduation exercises for the Class of 2020 will be shared with all stakeholders as the established dates draw closer.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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