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Dear Students and Parents of the Class of 2020,

Thank you for sharing feedback concerning your wishes for graduation this year. Your feelings and thoughts on this milestone event are important as we strive to mark this occasion with the importance it deserves in the midst of unprecedented circumstances. The plan below rated as the top choice of survey respondents at each high school, and all of your high school principals collaborated in finalizing the plan for graduation 2020.

Now that the shelter in place order has been lifted by the governor, each high school will hold individual graduation ceremonies for each graduating senior beginning May 26 and continuing through June 5. Each graduate will be given a time during these two weeks to attend his or her in-person graduation. Guests will be limited to immediate family members of each graduate to keep attendance within government recommendations for crowd size. Both a photographer and videographer will be present to capture the ceremony.

In addition, based on numerous requests for a more traditional ceremony, if large group gatherings are permitted under order of the governor and guidelines of the Mississippi Department of Health on or before July 6, high schools will offer a traditional graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 on or around July 18.

Thank you for your patience and feedback as we worked to determine the plan for graduation this year. We wish that we could gather together in traditional form in May to celebrate our Class of 2020. Seniors, your fortitude and perseverance will serve you well as you move on to college and career. We are so proud of your maturity in handling such a difficult time and look forward to honoring your accomplishments at graduation.

We are in this together, and we all stand with the Class of 2020.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Seals
Superintendent
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