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High Schools to Host Graduation Experience for Class of 2020



May 15, 2020 - Springfield Public Schools seniors will have the chance to share in a graduation experience amongst family, classmates and teachers at school-based events that will include a ceremonious presentation of their high school diploma, Superintendent of Schools Daniel Warwick announced today.

“We have heard the pleas and requests of students and families to have more than a virtual graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 and we are pleased to provide this opportunity,” said Warwick.

Each high school will make their own plans for an event that allows students to don their cap and gown, receive their high school diploma and mark the moment with a photograph. All schools will create plans that adhere to social distancing and public health guidelines. High schools will contact families of the graduating class with further details very soon, according to Warwick.

Warwick said he consulted with high school principals when making the decision. “The principals really wanted to do something special for their seniors from the very beginning and they are just thrilled to now have this opportunity,” said Warwick. “I know each high school will do a terrific job planning an event that will be memorable and meaningful for their graduating class, and the kids deserve that.”

Virtual graduation ceremonies already planned for each school’s graduating class will broadcast as originally scheduled, Warwick said. “It became clear that many students felt a sense of disappointment about not having a chance to experience some semblance of a traditional graduation and I’m delighted that we are able to avail not one but two events for our graduating class under these unfortunate and unprecedented circumstances,” said Warwick, adding that the district will gift every member of the Class of 2020 with a congratulatory lawn sign and also a Class of 2020 face covering as keepsakes.

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