

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"

To: Learners, Parents, and Guardians
From: Mr. Travis Lee, High School Principal
Re: HAHS Class of 2020 Learner and Family Commencement Update
Date: April 17, 2020

Good afternoon,

Shared below is information about options to consider for the Class of 2020 commencement ceremony. There are three options outlined below. Seniors will receive a Google Form in their Grade Level Google Classroom this afternoon, so that they can each select the option they prefer. A parent/guardian phone survey will be sent to collect feedback from senior families. A video will be shared with learners, and posted on the HAHS website as well, to review these options. We want to have all survey responses completed by noon on Monday, April 20, 2020. Regardless of the options selected, we want to issue diplomas to learners on June 4, 2020, whether that be during a commencement ceremony, a hand-out procedure, or via the mail. Please keep in mind that all options below need to ensure the health and safety for all, and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Commencement Survey Options

Option A	Option B	Option C
<p><u>In-Person Commencement</u></p> <p>Scheduled for June 4; alternate dates for summer/fall. Venue for events TBD based upon date and community partnerships</p>	<p><u>In-Person Commencement</u></p> <p>Scheduled for June 4; alternate dates for summer/fall. Venue for events TBD based upon date and community partnerships</p>	<p><u>No In-Person Commencement after 6/4/20</u></p> <p><i>If not permitted to hold on June 4, no alternate dates planned.</i></p>
<p><u>Virtual Commencement</u></p> <p>Presentation prepared and shown on 6/4 if In-person cannot take place. Will continue with In-Person commencement at alternate date.</p>	<p><u>No Virtual Commencement Planned nor Delivered</u></p>	<p><u>Virtual Commencement Only</u></p> <p>Presentation prepared and shown on 6/4 if In-person cannot take place. No alternate In-Person dates</p>

These options were reviewed during a Board of Directors Curriculum Committee meeting on Thursday, April 16. Modified slides from the committee meeting, providing additional details regarding proposed dates, locations, and virtual ceremony considerations, are listed on the reverse side of this message.

We look forward to getting your feedback!



Proposed Dates/Locations

- **Thursday, June 4, 2020, 7:00 PM**
 - War Veterans Memorial Field
 - HAHS Gymnasium (Auditorium Overflow)
 - Dependent upon renovations
 - Community venue as backup option
- **Saturday, July 11, 2020, 10:00 AM**
 - War Veterans Memorial Field
 - Community venue as backup option
- **Saturday, August 15, 2020, 10:00 AM**
 - War Veterans Memorial Field
 - Community venue as backup option
- **Saturday, October 3, 2020 10:00 AM**
 - HAHS Gymnasium
 - **Homecoming weekend**



Virtual Ceremony

- **Would take place on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm**
 - A way to provide an opportunity for all to participate
- **An alternative means to capture many of the same elements of a commencement ceremony**
 - Pomp and Circumstance Entrance
 - Speeches
 - Presentation of Graduates
 - Tassel turn and Cap throw (video options)
- **We know that it's not the same!**
 - But, is still a way to celebrate the milestone at the end of the academic year
 - Can still be meaningful!



Virtual Ceremony

- **Additional Considerations for Virtual Ceremony**
 - **Planning**
 - Must begin to plan ASAP
 - **Could include combination of the following:**
 - Car Parade
 - Diploma hand-off
 - Public Viewing (Drive-In)
 - Live streaming of ceremony