

May 6, 2020

Class of 2020 Senior Parents and Guardians,

As a school district, we understand the disappointments that have been presented to the Class of 2020 due to the social distancing guidelines and their school campuses being closed for the year. We want our seniors and their families to know that we too share those disappointments and are doing everything we can to ensure we properly recognize the efforts of our seniors during their high school careers. We too would prefer that we would be able to move forward with traditional graduation ceremonies for our seniors. However, because of the current federal, state, and local social distancing regulations we must follow, it would not be possible to even bring all of our graduates together in one location, let alone have some form of a graduation ceremony to which we are accustomed.

For these reasons, our schools are planning for a digital graduation ceremony for our seniors this year. We are working directly with our graduation companies to try and give our seniors and their families as close to an in-person ceremony as possible. We have also tried to allow for some time to pass and have pushed our graduation dates out to June 16th at Casa Grande Union HS and June 18th at Vista Grande HS. Due to the potential loss of a formal graduation, we are finding other ways to recognize our seniors this year. If you have not already seen, in honor of the Class of 2020, our stadium lights at both schools are being turned on at 8:20 p.m. for 20 minutes every night. We are also recognizing our seniors through social media posts as well as on our websites at www.cguhsd.org/cgSeniorSpotlight.aspx (CGUHS) and www.cguhsd.org/vgSeniorSpotlight.aspx (VGHS). I would like to encourage all seniors and their families to send a senior photo with information about what your senior is planning to do post-graduation so we can share those posts with our followers. If you are a senior at Vista Grande HS, please send your information to Jennifer Korsten at jkortsen@cguhsd.org and, if you are a senior at Casa Grande Union HS, please send your information to Brian Mabb at bmabb@cguhsd.org.

Please understand that we share the disappointment that comes with the potential loss of traditional graduations for our Class of 2020. We are working diligently to make the best of the situation. Also know that should federal, state, and local social distancing regulations change in such a way that would make it possible for us to have some type of in-person graduation for our seniors on June 16th and June 18th, our school leadership teams are prepared to do so. If things do not change quickly enough and we are unable to move forward with any type of in-person graduation in June, our school leadership teams are planning an event that would bring the Class of 2020 together again when school starts next year to recognize them publicly.

If you have questions about our current graduation details and the planned digital graduation ceremonies, please contact our school leadership teams directly.

Congratulations Class of 2020! We are so proud of you!

Sincerely,

Steve Bebee
Superintendent