May 29, 2020

Class of 2020 Students and Families:

Our district would like to thank all of you for your participation in deciding your graduation options. Both our graduating students and their families overwhelmingly preferred to have an outdoor graduation on the football field. After beginning to make preparations for this event we were informed by the Jackson County Health Department that this option would no longer be possible because it does not adhere to the social distancing guidelines that are currently in place, and are expected to be extended in June.

We want to do everything in our power to provide our graduating Seniors with a commencement that allows them to celebrate together, and with our East Jackson family, while following applicable safety protocols. Because of this we have decided to schedule our outdoor commencement ceremony on Friday, August 7th, at 6:00 pm. In the event of inclement weather we will have the outdoor commencement on Saturday, August 8th, at 6:00 pm. We are hoping that the restrictions that are currently in place will be eased by that time.

If there are still significant restrictions in place in August we will have an “individual graduation” ceremony that will take place during the days of Thursday, August 6th and Friday, August 7th in the Auditorium. This Senior class is special and we are hopeful that we will be able to make this outdoor commencement happen in August. We will have a definitive answer by Friday, July 31st and we will inform everyone at that time.

We are still hopeful to host some form of Prom that includes seniors in the coming months—whether traditional or otherwise. More information will be provided in the future on this as restrictions loosen.

Sincerely,

Steve Doerr
Superintendent
East Jackson Community Schools

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