

April 29, 2020

SJSD families,

As we work through the many decisions impacting our students, staff and schools during this closure, we are aware that some decisions will be the right ones and others will need further review. We are learning as we go during this response and trying to do what we feel is best at the time, while also doing everything we can to anticipate what lies ahead.

This morning, I met with high school student leaders regarding graduation and plans to celebrate the Class of 2020. After gathering additional feedback from them and others, we have set two dates for potential in-person graduation ceremonies at each high school. The first date is June 27, 2020. The back-up date is July 25, 2020.

Details for the ceremonies are not finalized yet, but we will share updates as the situation evolves. We can't predict what the future holds, but we understand that providing hope for our students and their families is important during these unprecedented times.

Virtual ceremonies will still be recorded and shared on May 17 to recognize seniors on their original graduation date.

We apologize for any additional stress this may have caused. These are not easy decisions to make and we understand we must be flexible with our plans. Thank you for your patience and grace as we know there will be more difficult decisions in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug Van Zyl
SJSD Superintendent