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Class of 2020 Senior Celebration and Graduation Plan

Washington County Schools has planned the following to honor the Class of 2020 at Daniel Boone High School and David Crockett High School:

Senior Celebration Parades

- **Daniel Boone High School** is planning to honor their 2020 graduates with a senior celebration parade in Gray on May 16th at 1:00 PM. Staging will occur at the Appalachian FairGrounds at 12:30 PM. The parade will end at Daniel Boone High School. Community members and families are encouraged to watch while maintaining all social distancing protocols. Please contact DBHS Principal Tim Campbell at Campbellt@wcde.org for more details.
- **David Crockett High School** is planning to honor their 2020 graduates with a senior celebration parade in Jonesborough on May 16th at 11:00 AM following the Jonesborough parade route and ending at David Crockett High School. Staging will occur at Jonesborough Middle School at 10:30 AM. Community members and families are encouraged to watch while maintaining all social distancing protocols. Please contact Peggy Wright at Wrightp@wcde.org for more details.

Small Group Graduation Ceremonies

To ensure that every Class of 2020 graduate gets the graduation experience, Washington County Schools will be conducting small group graduation ceremonies consisting of ten graduates. These ceremonies will take place over four to five days at each high school. Each graduate will be able to invite up to six guests. School administration will be contacting families and students with each graduation ceremony's exact date, time, and safety procedures.

These are the dates we have reserved for each high school:

- Daniel Boone High School: May 21, 22, 23, 24; times determined by school administration
- David Crockett High School: May 28, 29, 30, 31; times determined by school administration

Valedictorian and Salutatorian speeches will be pre-recorded and played at each ceremony. These speeches will also be showcased on the Washington County Schools's website. Every ceremony will be recorded, and each graduate will receive a DVD of all ceremonies.

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Safety Procedures for Small Group Ceremonies:

- Everyone is required to wear facial coverings and abide by social distancing protocols.
- Graduates will be spaced six feet apart at all times.
- Families will remain in their cars until the appointed time to enter the school for the ceremony. Families will then be directed to the designated seating area on the gym floor.
- Seating will be clearly marked for different families on the gym floor to ensure social distancing of at least six feet apart.
- All seats and restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected between ceremonies.
- Routes for families and graduates have been mapped out to ensure no cross traffic – entrances to the building and gym, exits from the building and gym.

Top 10% Banquet and Honor's Celebration

Since the Class of 2020 was unable to participate in the Top 10% Banquet and/or Honor's Night due to school closure and statewide restrictions, school administration will be showcasing student honors through a slideshow at the small group ceremonies. This slideshow will be showcased on the Washington County Schools website as well. It is currently in production, and we expect it to be ready by May 21st.

Outdoor Graduation Ceremonies:

It is the intent of Washington County Schools to honor the graduating Class of 2020 with an outdoor graduation ceremony; however, current social distancing guidelines and the state's phased opening will not allow a large ceremony at this time. We have prepared the following options in hopes that we will be allowed to have a mass gathering:

Option 1:

Washington County Schools would like to schedule an outdoor graduation ceremony for David Crockett High School on Friday, June 19th and Daniel Boone High School on Saturday, June 20th if state guidelines will allow for a mass gathering. Exact times and details will be released closer to the date. If capacity restrictions are still in place, Washington County Schools may have to limit the number of guests and/or offer more than one outdoor ceremony for each school.

Option 2:

In the event that a June ceremony is not possible due to COVID-19 state restrictions, social distancing guidelines, and/or adverse weather conditions, Washington County Schools would like to schedule an outdoor graduation ceremony for David Crockett High School on Friday, July 24th and Daniel Boone High School on Saturday, July 25th if state guidelines will allow for a mass gathering. Exact times and details will be

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*Both options will be presented to the Washington County Board of Education at the June meeting for final approval concerning the number of guests and/or ceremonies.

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