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Fargo Public School District #1

FPS UPDATED GRADUATION PLANS DUE TO COVID-19; TWO GUESTS PER GRADUATE ALLOWED

Fargo Public Schools continues to monitor information and guidance from state officials and local health organizations regarding COVID-19 and large group gatherings. In recent weeks, information has changed at a rapid pace regarding COVID-19. Due to updated guidance provided from the state and local health organizations, Fargo Public Schools has changed plans for upcoming graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020. In-person graduation ceremonies will be held with two guests allowed per graduate. Ceremonies will also be streamed live via You Tube (see links below).

Ceremonies are scheduled as follows:

Woodrow Wilson High School: May 29, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Agassiz

YouTube Live Link: https://youtu.be/1LtN30_dZEs

Davies High School: May 31, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Davies High School football stadium

YouTube Live Link: <https://youtu.be/EyNFnBzQDOY>

North High School: May 31, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the North High School football stadium

YouTube Live Link: <https://youtu.be/sx2zMEZ2Sa4>

South High School: May 31, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at South High School football stadium

YouTube Live Link: <https://youtu.be/3HU2c5KRppA>

“When we originally contacted community health organizations regarding graduation plans, they expressed concerns with the gathering size based off the mass gathering guidance that was provided by the state. At that time, the state had assessed all counties at a risk level yellow; a risk level yellow calls for 50% capacity at venues with no more than 250 people gathering at a time. Based on these expressed concerns, I made the decision to host our graduation ceremonies without guests but remained committed to continue monitoring the situation closely and following changes to guidance provided,” says Dr. Rupak Gandhi, superintendent of schools. “I want to thank all of our staff, students, and families for being adaptable, flexible, and understanding as we process and make decisions based on rapidly changing information. We look forward to honoring our graduates this coming weekend.”

The in-person graduation ceremonies will abide by CDC Social Distancing Guidelines and additional safety precautions will be taken at the ceremonies. Graduates and guests will be required to wear masks. Additional directions and safety precautions for graduates and guests will be provided by each school’s principal and will be based upon each ceremony location.

Additionally, since the ceremonies will be held outdoors, contingency plans will be in place for inclement weather. Ceremonies could possibly be delayed or moved to a virtual ceremony. Information on contingency plans will be provided by each school principal to families.

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