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Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Dear Uvalde High School Seniors & Parents,

I hope you, your family, and your loved ones are staying healthy. It is comforting to share there have not been any new COVID-19 cases in our area.

As promised administration has not lost sight of a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020. A Graduation Committee has met to review the [TEA Guidance for Graduation Ceremonies during the COVID-19 disaster](#). Uvalde High School will be permitted to hold an outdoor ceremony on Friday, May 22, 2020. The ceremony will follow the attestation as described in the "[Texans Helping Texas: The Governor's Report to Open Texas](#)" that remains in effect 7 days before the ceremony.

The TEA Graduation Ceremony Option selected by the Graduation Committee is option three, a "[Vehicle Ceremony](#)." This ceremony is outdoors and permitted to occur on our initially scheduled graduation date of Friday, May 22, at 6:00 pm. The Vehicle Ceremony will be enhanced with a Livestream YouTube feed and a live radio broadcast by KVOU. The ceremony will consist of a graduate and up to five individuals or fewer to be present in a vehicle. Our traditional graduation stage will be set up outdoors in front of the John H. Harrell Auditorium. In following a traditional graduation format, student speeches will be given, including the Invocation, Welcome, Salutatorian Address, Valedictorian Address, Senior Gift, Farewell Address, Benediction, and much more. Graduate vehicles will be lined up in order of the graduation program with a designated spot, more details to come. As the graduate's vehicle approaches the stage in front of the John H. Harrell Auditorium the graduate will exit the vehicle, walk up the stage to be presented with a diploma jacket by the administration, and pose for a graduation picture. The graduate will exit the stage to get back in his/her vehicle and exit the parking lot.

There will be an opportunity for families to take family photos in the Uvalde High School South parking lot. Graduates will receive an assigned parking spot, two graduation programs, two graduation fans, and five family tickets at a later date before Friday, May 22. A more detailed plan will be shared as processes are finalized on our website to include a FAQ.

We know this graduation ceremony is very different from our traditional Honey Bowl ceremony. However, our Nation is attempting to recover from the many COVID-19 challenges. Please



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understand as the public health situation changes, so may the orders of Governor Abbott. We encourage our community to stay healthy.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us as we work through this unusual situation. Please continue to check the district website for updates. The fact that we continue to rise to the COVID-19 challenges is a testament to our dedication to our students. I truly appreciate your patience and partnership. Please stay home, be safe, and take care of yourselves.

I Believe in 'U'!

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