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Nora Gutierrez

April 26, 2021

Dear TUHSD Parents/Guardians of graduating seniors,

Graduation is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021. We are working hard to ensure the health and safety of our graduates, their families, as well as our staff and Governing Board members. After much thoughtful discussion, we hope to have the graduation at State Farm Stadium **if the COVID metrics allows us to proceed.**

I would like to thank parents, guardians and students for your patience over the past year as we faced the challenges of the pandemic together. We want to give our seniors the opportunity to have a ceremony to celebrate their academic accomplishment as they graduate. The ceremony will be different from past years with masks and social distancing, as we continue to follow CDC guidelines in collaboration with State Farm Stadium.

2021 GRADUATION SCHEDULE

**Graduation is planned for Monday, May 24, 2021
at State Farm Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals
(1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305)**

School	Doors Open	Ceremony Begins	Parking Lot	Parking Opens	Entry Gate
La Joya Community HS	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	East	6:00 a.m.	Gate 3
Westview HS	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	West	9:00 a.m.	Gate 1
Sierra Linda HS	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	East	12:00 p.m.	Gate 3
Copper Canyon HS	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	West	3:00 p.m.	Gate 1
Tolleson/University HS	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	East	6:00 p.m.	Gate 3

NOTE: All graduation plans are dependent on the COVID Metrics

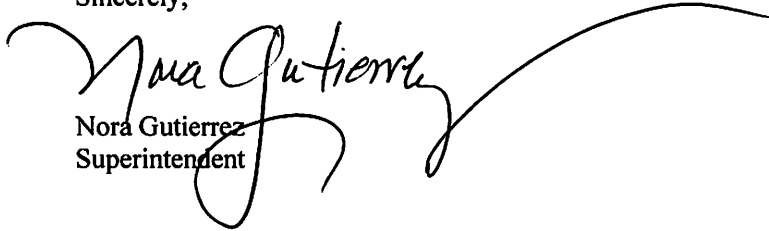
The State Farm Stadium event plan includes the following guidelines:

- The plan reflects guidance from CDC, WHO, ADHS, and local government.
- The plan may change if the COVID metrics changes. However, as more people are vaccinated and we all continue to wear masks and social distance, we are encouraged with the numbers.
- **All people at the event (graduates, staff, guests, vendors, stadium employees) must wear a CDC approved mask at all times while in the building. This includes graduates on stage.**
- **Graduates should enter wearing a disposable mask and will receive a mask, along with their medallions at the stadium.**
- Each Graduate will receive 4 tickets with seats assigned in PODs of 2. (PODs are not guaranteed to be next to each other.)
- Tickets will be distributed by your school.
- Admission at the stadium is by ticket only.
- Temperature checks are required to enter building.
- The stadium will have contactless check-in.
- Guests must sit in their assigned seats to remain socially distanced.
- No diplomas or programs will be distributed at the ceremony.
 - QR code will be available to download the graduation program.
 - Diplomas and a program will be mailed by the school to graduates.
- Congregating on the patio area after the ceremony is discouraged.
- Parking staff will encourage leaving an open space between cars.

All schools, except West Point High School, in the Tolleson Union High School District are impacted by graduation on Monday, May 24, 2021. For this reason freshman, sophomores and juniors at La Joya Community High School, Westview High School, Sierra Linda High School, Copper Canyon High School, Tolleson Union High School, and University High School will log into Microsoft Teams or Blackboard with posted student practice for finals.

More information regarding graduation will be shared by your school Principal as we get closer to graduation. Please make sure your school has your updated information, so you do not miss any important updates or communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nora Gutierrez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Nora Gutierrez
Superintendent