



YCSD Status Report – June 9, 2020

2020-21 School Year Planning

This afternoon, Governor Northam and the Virginia Department of Education released guidelines for school divisions in the state for the 2020-21 school year. Under these guidelines, in-person instruction may occur for some students in Phase II and *all* students in Phase III. However, we will be required to implement strict social distancing rules that will change schools as we know them.

As we shared earlier this month, the division has a task force developing the plan for re-opening our schools while awaiting state guidance. This team is now reviewing the state’s 126-page “Recover, Redesign, Restart 2020” report, provided to division superintendents today, to ensure our working plan meets state and federal requirements.

The group’s recommendations will be presented to the superintendent and School Board later this month and will be released publicly at that time. The division’s new 1:1 Technology Plan, which will ensure students have access to devices, will be a key piece of this plan. Students will use these tools in the classroom and at home to support effective teaching and learning regardless of the re-opening model implemented.

Graduation Ceremonies

Severe Weather: Division staff are closely monitoring the weather conditions for the end of the week, as forecasts currently indicate rain is likely Thursday and Friday. The division will follow outdoor event protocol, meaning ceremonies will be held if there is light or intermittent rainfall, and delayed or cancelled if lightning is present. To allow the greatest opportunity to proceed with ceremonies as scheduled, any decision to delay or cancel will be made the day of the event.

As we announced on May 18, if one or two ceremonies are rescheduled due to severe weather, ceremonies will be rescheduled to conclude on Saturday, June 13. If weather impacts multiple ceremonies, commencement ceremonies will be rescheduled for June 24-26.

Car Decorations: The division has provided each graduate a small gift in the form of a vinyl banner to incorporate into car decorations. It is not an adhesive material but can be hung with string or tape or any other manner you choose.

Video Streaming: Ceremonies will be recorded by York County Video Services and will be available on the division’s [YouTube](#) channel the days of the events and will remain online. Rebroadcasts will also be shared on YCSD-TV.

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