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Gadsden City High School

To the Graduating Class of 2020:

Dear Class of 2020:

Recently, Governor Kay Ivey amended restrictions to the Safer at Home guidelines set by the State of Alabama. Specific to these guidelines were some rules relaxing limitations related to public gatherings involving specific services. Our state superintendent, Dr. Eric Mackey, has given school systems the go-ahead to treat graduation ceremonies under those same guidelines.

On behalf of Mr. Reddick, the Board of Education, faculty and staff of Gadsden City High School, and myself, we all appreciate your patience during this time. We are pleased to announce the plans for Gadsden City High School's 2020 Graduation Commencement Ceremonies at this time.

Gadsden City High School will hold Graduation Commencement over the course of two days. Thursday, May 28th, and Friday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m at Titan Stadium. Students with last names A through L will graduate on Thursday, May 28th and those with last names M through Z will graduate on Friday, May 29th.

While every effort was made to hold a traditional ceremony with a single graduation, we must remember that this global COVID-19 pandemic is still a threat to everyone. We had to consider that threat when making all plans for graduation. Seniors will adhere to social distancing guidelines during the ceremony and will be placed at a minimum of six feet from the next graduate on the football field. Social distancing guidelines will also be put into place in the stadium seating for the graduation ceremony. We will use both sides of the stadium during the ceremony. Friends, family members, and others who attend the ceremony will need to sit at least six feet from the next person or group inside the stadium. Family members who live in the same household may sit together, but all others must follow the six feet social distancing guidelines. Every Gadsden City High School Senior will receive 6 graduation tickets to disperse to family members, friends, or others they wish to invite to the ceremony. GCHS will livestream the Commencement Ceremony on the internet for those who are unable to attend. The

livestream is free of charge. All persons who come to the ceremony must have a ticket, regardless of age. Those who have symptoms related to COVID-19 or are under quarantine are asked to stay at home and watch the event on the internet livestream feed.

There will be a mandatory graduation practice announcement coming soon. This event is required for all who wish to participate in the ceremony. We will hand out graduation tickets on the morning of the graduation practice and along with other important information. We will get this information to you as soon as the date and time are finalized.

Please note, as we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic is continuously evolving and things may have to change if the Governor revises the Safer at Home order. If those orders are changed, we will revise and update the graduation ceremony plans accordingly.

We understand these have been tough and confusing times for everyone involved. Mr. Reddick and I hope this information provides some clarity for our Seniors and their families. We all understand how important having a Graduation Ceremony is to the Class of 2020, and we hope everyone is excited about the events planned on May 28th and 29th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Young', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Kevin Young, Principal  
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