



Dear parents and guardians,

Hope you all are well. Here are a few updates for you to process as we return to distance learning this week:

School Calendar:

On Tuesday evening, the Board of Education approved a calendar for the rest of the school year. It includes an additional day off for students and teachers (compensating for the original Primary Day) as well as three more professional learning days for teachers (or catch-up days for students). [You can see how this affects our day rotation calendar here.](#)

Advice in the Distance Learning Environment:

Now that we are back in the swing of Distance Learning, some parents and students may find challenges in getting into a good place to get work done. Our school climate team came up with a great list of items as advice for students and parents in the distance learning environment. Some refer to these skills as “executive functioning” skills, and they certainly apply to all learners. [Check out this great advice here.](#)

Information for Juniors:

College Board has cancelled the June SAT date. They are committing to having monthly testing available from August to December as well as an online version available if schools need to close in the Fall. You can see the updates from College Board regarding the SAT here: <https://pages.collegeboard.org/sat-covid-19-updates>

Unfortunately, due to the school closure and the fact that our venue cancelled all May events, we have decided to cancel the Junior Prom. We are very sorry for the circumstances, but we need to place the safety of all as our top priority and follow the guidelines from the Governor. We look forward to planning lots of great events in your senior year, including a great Homecoming Dance in the fall. The Junior Class advisors and the officers have opted to use the deposit money to secure a date for the Senior Prom in 2021.

If Juniors are also starting to worry how this will all affect your college admissions process, here is a great letter from a college admissions officer. This was published in the Washington Post. [Click Here.](#)

Information for Seniors:

We know many are wondering about graduation, internship, prom, and many other events. Our dilemma is that if we start planning for a particular scenario and announce it to everyone, it pins everyone’s hopes to something – and then we may find out a situation changes that would either make us cancel the plan or wish we had planned something different. Please understand that we are holding off on finalizing decisions until the picture is a bit more defined. The Board of Education has voted to make June 17 as the date of “Graduation.” Board policy requires they decide on a graduation date at their April meeting. Whether we hold an actual ceremony on that date is still to be determined. We

have received many suggestions – and thank you for your responses to the survey. We do, however, need a date to enter on the diplomas and put into our final records, so for the class of 2020, June 17 will be that date.

Also, it is important for all seniors (and any student planning to leave Fairfield Public Schools), that you **migrate the contents of your school Google account to a personal Google account**. You never know when you need your papers and projects from high school to refer to in the future. You must do this before July, which is when all senior and outgoing student Google accounts are deleted. [Please refer to these instructions for migrating the contents of your Google Drive.](#)

Stay well, everyone.

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