



# BOARD BRIEFS

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## High school graduation to include senior diploma walk

### Students may choose celebratory walk or pick-up diploma option

High schools in the Davis School District will hold a diploma walk for seniors in the days following their virtual graduation ceremony on May 26.

High School Director Dr. Dan Linford explained to the Board of Education that seniors will have the option to walk across a staged area, have their name announced and parents can take photographs.

Students may choose to forego the walk, which will take place as seniors turn in their gowns, and pick up their diploma during a scheduled drive thru.

“We have talked about this for a few weeks with our principals and determined that if the health department guidelines would permit, we could do a diploma walk,” said Linford. “We are committed to crowd control as much as we can by spreading the time out and doing this safely.”

Superintendent Reid Newey said the district is doing all they can to balance the initiative of the governor and health department guidelines to protect students and employees.

“We want to honor every one of our graduates,” said Newey. “With the cooperation of our staff and from

families, we are capable of delivering the social distancing and social gathering guidelines when we get to the point of diploma awarding.”

However, the senior walk does not replace the formal virtual graduation ceremony.

“Our graduation ceremony is a time where we honor all of our graduates at once and formerly have board members accept and declare the graduates,” said Linford.

In other workshop business, the board learned:

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- Grab-and-go lunches will be served beginning June 1 at Clearfield High and the following elementary schools — Antelope, Buffalo Point,

Foxboro, Lincoln, Meadowbrook, Stewart, Sand Springs and Wasatch.

- VCBO Architecture has been selected to design the rebuild of Bountiful Elementary.

- The rebuild of South Clearfield Elementary is estimated to be completed in March 2021.

- The district will take ownership of Sunburst Elementary between July 15 and Aug. 1. The track and turf replacement at Syracuse High will be done by the end of summer.

- The Utah High School Activities Association reinforced the move from previous weeks to cancel springs sports and continue monitoring the health situation for fall sports.

## Increasing student engagement during remote learning

As schools have worked through remote learning, the district has seen increasing levels of student participation.

In a five-week period from April 10 to May 8, student engagement increased from 78.5 percent to 83.85 percent.

“As the weeks have pro-

gressed, we’ve increased our engagement level with students, which shows the effort that our great teachers, administrators and staff members are making,” said Superintendent Reid Newey during a board workshop meeting.

“On the other end, it shows the efforts that families are making. This is a huge burden to family interaction.

We have great participation by our families when they weren’t expecting to facilitate this type of instruction.”

Teachers track interaction levels by noting at least one weekly engagement per student each week, reaching out to families and students who have not engaged in online learning and continuing to make class-level adjustments to remote instruction.