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## <u>August 1, 2020 Iredell-Statesville High School Commencements Cancelled</u>

Originally, Iredell-Statesville Schools planned to hold a commencement ceremony for each respective high school on August 1, 2020. Unfortunately, we are unable to move forward with those plans. Based on the recent state of COVID-19 in North Carolina, the August 1 commencement events have been cancelled.

Superintendent Jeff James stated, "We could never have imagined back in May that COVID-19 numbers would continue to rise here in NC late into the summer. Collectively we have agreed that holding large commencement ceremonies on August 1 could result in further spreading COVID in Iredell County. We are saddened to make this announcement, and hopeful that our 2020 graduates and their families support this decision."

