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## **OSHS CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION TO BE HELD AT GREYHOUND STADIUM**

**OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss (OSSD)** -- The Ocean Springs School District Board of Trustees has elected to host the Class of 2021 graduation ceremony at Greyhound Stadium to ensure the graduates receive as close to a traditional ceremony as possible.

Current state mandates and executive orders do not allow for the entire Class of 2021 to participate together in one ceremony in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum due to the large number of anticipated graduates. Hosting graduation in an outdoor venue like Greyhound Stadium ensures the entire OSHS graduation class will be able to participate in the ceremony together.

The decision to move graduation ceremonies to Greyhound Stadium comes after OSSD conducted a survey of all seniors and their parents. Almost 53 percent of those polled said they preferred a Greyhound Stadium graduation ceremony over a split ceremony at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

The maximum number of attendees will be determined by the Governor's executive order at the time of graduation. The total number of allowed attendees will then be divided by the number of graduates, which will determine the number of guests each graduate will receive. OSSD will provide a contingency plan in the event of weather unsuitable for an outdoor event.

More detailed information regarding the Class of 2021 graduation will be provided as it becomes available.

**ABOUT OSSD:** Ocean Springs School District is home to more than 7,000 dedicated students and educators. It is the mission of the Ocean Springs School District to teach our students essential content and strategies that will enable them to apply knowledge beyond their school experience and to have a positive impact on society.

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