



**School Board Special Meeting
Friday, June 4, 2021; 8:00 AM
ECC Room 350**

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

II. Action

A. Acceptance of Graduate Lists (*walked in*)

Description: Board members will review graduate lists and historical data prepared by Edina High School administration

Presenter(s): Andrew Beaton, Principal Edina High School; Michael Pretasky, Assistant Principal Edina High School

Recommendation: Accept the Edina High School graduate lists

B. Community Letter (*walked in*)

Description: Draft letter to the community from the board

Presenter(s): Chair Allenburg

C. Staff Letter (*walked in*)

Description: Draft letter to district staff from the board

Presenter(s): Chair Allenburg

III. Board Chair Updates

IV. Superintendent Updates



Board Meeting Date: 6/4/2021 Special Meeting

TITLE: APPROVAL OF GRADUATE LISTS FOR 2020-21

TYPE: Action

PRESENTER(S): Andrew Beaton, Michael Pretasky

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the graduation of students on List No. I from Edina High School for the school year 2020-21.
2. Approve the graduation of students on List No. II from Edina High School for the school year 2020-21 upon completion of the necessary graduation requirements.

PRIMARY ISSUE(S) TO CONSIDER: Approval of class of 2021

Total number of students in class of 2021 - 657

Total students on List 1 – 603

- Students on List 1 have completed all of their graduation requirements and will receive their diploma by mail after the graduation ceremony.

Total students on List 2 – 47

- Students on List 2 have met the minimum credit requirement of 41 credits to participate in the commencement ceremony. They have all created a plan with their counselors to complete their remaining credits for their diploma.

Total students on List 3 – 7

- Students on List 3 do not have the minimum credits required to participate in the commencement ceremony. They will be returning to Edina High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL
MEMO

Date: June 4, 2021

To: Members of the School Board, Edina Public School District #273

From: Mike Pretasky, Assistant Principal, Edina High School

Re: Graduating Class of 2020, Edina High School

Attached you will find the current status of students from the Edina Class of 2016-2020 remaining on lists II, III and Transition. These students will not receive their diplomas until they have completed the appropriate course work or satisfied state required standardized testing as required by Minnesota State law.

Thank you.

LIST II: CLASS OF 2020

There were 39 students on List II on 5/28/2020 (655 students in the class). Of those 39, all have graduated.

LIST III: CLASS OF 2020

There were 3 students on List III on 5/28/2020 (655 students in the class). Of those 3, 2 have yet to graduate.

TRANSITION: CLASS OF 2020

There were 10 students entering into transition programs on 5/28/2021 (655 students in the class). Of those 10, 10 have yet to graduate.

LIST II: CLASS OF 2019

There were 39 students on List II on 6/4/2019 (687 students in the class). Of those 39, 2 have yet to graduate.

LIST III: CLASS OF 2019

There were 3 students on List III on 6/4/2019 (687 students in the class). Of those 3, all have graduated.

TRANSITION: CLASS OF 2019

There were 9 students entering into transition programs on 6/4/2019 (687 students in the class). Of those 9, 9 have yet to graduate.

LIST II: CLASS OF 2018

There were 31 students on List II on 6/11/18 (662 students in the class). Of those 31, 4 have yet to graduate.

LIST III: CLASS OF 2018

There was 1 student on List III on 6/11/18 (662 students in the class). All have graduated.

TRANSITION: CLASS OF 2018

There were 7 students entering into transition programs on 6/11/2018 (662 students in the class). Of those 7, 3 have yet to graduate.

LIST II: CLASS OF 2017

There were 13 students on List II on 6/5/17 (685 students in the class). Of those 13, 1 has yet to graduate.

LIST III: CLASS OF 2017

There were 2 students on List III on 6/5/17 (685 students in the class). Of those 2, 1 has yet to graduate.

TRANSITION: CLASS OF 2017

There were 14 students entering into transition programs on 6/5/17 (685 students in the class). Of those 14, 1 has yet to graduate.

LIST II: CLASS OF 2016

There were 33 students on List II on 6/3/16 (644 students in the class). Of those 33, 2 have yet to graduate.

LIST III: CLASS OF 2016

There were 4 students on List III on 6/3/16 (644 students in the class). Of those 4, 2 have yet to graduate.

TRANSITION: CLASS OF 2016

There were 10 students entering into transition programs on 6/3/16 (644 students in the class). Of those 10, 1 has yet to graduate.

Dear Edina Schools Community,

As your school board we wanted to acknowledge what a challenging, and at times stressful year it has been and to thank you for your continued support. To our students, parents, members of the Edina Public Schools family, as well as the larger shared communities of Edina and Minnesota, we know this has been an uncertain and challenging chapter for all of us. We know that navigating a pandemic that came with transitions from one learning model to another, layers of mitigation efforts, quarantines, and in general time away from the familiarity and comfort of our classrooms has not been easy, especially for our students.

As this year ends, we are confident in our plans for the return to a normal school year for our students in the fall and are looking forward to returning to the classroom 5 days a week. As this school year ends, we hope that as part of a shared community, you will take time to see another proud class of Edina graduates walking out of Mariucci arena, you will see the outstanding work of parent volunteers across all our schools working tirelessly to celebrate the achievement of students at all grades, you will see the continued work of our administration and board over the summer to advance our strategic plan and goals, you will see the intention and innovation in supporting learners through new and expanded summer programming, you will see our new Superintendent start in July prepared to hit the ground running to lead and support all our schools and staff, and most importantly that you will see and feel excitement and confidence in our district.

We know that we could not have gotten this far without your support. You adjusted when schedules changed, you showed patience and grace in times of uncertainty, and you supported our students, staff, and most importantly each other.

Thank you for everything you have done this past year, it is truly appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

The Edina School Board

Dear Edina School District Employees,

The end of each school year brings a sense of closure and transition; another class of seniors graduating, another group of colleagues retiring and another long Minnesota summer to look forward to. There is comfort in routine and we hold on to hope that as the days grow longer, so does our return to normalcy.

When reflecting on what we have been through as a district in just one year, it is quite an unbelievable journey. One year ago at this time, our district and community had just navigated the emergency shut down of the entire school system and was on the cusp of graduating our 2020 seniors via individual home visits amid the riots of Minneapolis. We spent the summer unsure of what the fall would bring and then navigated a school year that had more questions than answers, more work than time, more students than space, and more stress than imaginable. Your unwavering dedication to each other and our students during this time was visible in so many ways, both tangible and unspoken.

As a board we wanted to express our gratitude for all you have done this year for our district. Each and every one of you contributed in extremely valuable and sometimes unheard of ways to make our district run. From our bus drivers delivering food and chromebooks to students, to our health services staff, teachers and administrators contract tracing the virus, to building services installing HEPA filters and plexiglass, to our educators teaching multiple and varied delivery models, and to simply finding ways to make learning happen in the absence of a traditional 4-walled classroom. All of this was done with one goal in mind: educating our students. Your efforts, at times creative and heroic, helped all our students have the best year possible. For that work and more, we want to say thank you.

We hope you all have a safe, relaxing and reenergizing summer.

Sincerely,

Edina School Board