

# Graduation

**email: [REDACTED] Karen Rayburn** **Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 5:12:40 PM Eastern Daylight Time**  
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**email: "csmelton@lexrich5.org Christina Melton"** **Monday, April 26, 2021 at 12:43:10 PM Eastern Daylight Time**  
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Thank you for the update.

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 10:49:34 AM Eastern Daylight Time

Was there a vote to make this change at the meeting last night?

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Will there be a special meeting to address the governor's statement and how will this impact graduation? We need to remove the restrictions on graduation and make masks a choice now rather than later! Families need time to notify other family members if they will be able to attend. Families, like mine, have grandparents who live out of state and plan vacations around this milestone. It is not right to make families wait until the last minute! Do the right thing now!

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