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## ***Paulding County School District Announces Protocols for Graduation Ceremonies***

Exciting news for graduating seniors and their families: the Paulding County School District has received guidance from the Paulding County Health Department for conducting in-person graduation ceremonies!

As previously announced, all five Paulding County high schools are planning to hold graduation ceremonies on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20. Due to the potentially large crowds expected and the social distancing requirements that will be enforced, it is likely that high schools may divide students among two or more ceremonies to ensure that family members are accommodated. The times of the ceremonies are yet to be determined. The schedule remains as follows:

<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 19</b>	North Paulding HS	Paulding County HS	South Paulding HS
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 20</b>	East Paulding HS	Hiram HS	

The Paulding County Health Department has offered guidance for conducting the ceremonies, and the following protocols will be followed:

- Students and spectators will be "staggered/checkerboarded" by 6 feet on all sides.
- Each student will have four (4) tickets for family/friends. Family Units (for example children or those who have been isolated together) can be closer than 6 feet.
- No one will be allowed to enter the place of graduation until one hour prior to the ceremony.
- No handshaking will occur during the ceremony or presentation of diplomas.
- No family/friends will be allowed on the field after Graduation.
- It is highly recommended that all spectators wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose.

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All graduation ceremonies will be video-recorded and available online. More information regarding these details and other planning for these events will be forthcoming from the school district and the high schools. Because the environment related to the COVID-19 coronavirus continues to evolve, the school district will notify parents and students if the Paulding County Health Department issues further guidance that impacts graduation ceremonies.

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