



**Dr. Kelvin R. Adams**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
**Saint Louis Public Schools**

Class of 2020,

First, I want to say, “Thank You!” Thank you for all your hard work over the past year, but especially over the past 12 years. As we move into this very unusual graduation season, please know that we are committed to celebrating your amazing accomplishment with a traditional in-person graduation ceremony — whenever it is allowed under today’s COVID-19 mandates.

We are presently negotiating new graduation dates for all high schools. Our best estimates, based on information from health officials, have us aiming for summer or early fall.

Please understand that, even then, “traditional” may look different than what you and I are accustomed. It may mean social distancing graduates a few seats apart, limiting guests, using an outdoor venue or staggering times. Whatever the rules are at the time, we will work with the selected venue to ensure a safe and successful ceremony.

In addition to a formal ceremony, we hope to possibly offer a second opportunity. We want to get your input on an alternative way that we can commemorate you and your family during graduation season.

How would you like to make this year special? Click [HERE](#) to access the Class of 2020 Senior Survey and provide your thoughts.

There are many things that remain uncertain in our world right now, but, with luck, the only thing up in the air this summer will be 1,400 graduation caps! Again “Thank You” for giving us an opportunity to celebrate you!!

Sincerely,

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