



MEDIA ADVISORY

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CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION CANCELLED

Due to the rising number of coronavirus cases in the region and restrictions announced yesterday by local health officials, the Saint Louis Public Schools Class of 2020 graduation ceremonies have been cancelled by the City of St. Louis Department of Health. The events had been scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2020, at Busch Stadium—half of the high schools to graduate in the morning and half in the evening. These would have been the first graduations to be held at the ballpark.

“To say we are disappointed would be an understatement,” said SLPS Superintendent Dr. Kelvin R. Adams. “Our graduates have been so resilient during the pandemic and were forced to give up other end-of-the-year milestones like prom. We really wanted to give them a special ceremony worthy of their achievements.

“That said, just because we won’t get to celebrate them in the way we had hoped, the Class of 2020 will always be special. They not only completed the coursework and earned their diplomas, they adapted, persevered and achieved.”

Class of 2020 families were notified of the cancellation earlier this morning.

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