



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Dear Bowie Families,

We know how important the prom and graduation season is to our seniors, their families, and friends. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, is causing changes to all aspects of our lives.

For the safety of our students, staff, and families, and in response to the Stay Home – Work Safe order banning all large gatherings, Austin ISD is canceling all proms and postponing our graduation ceremonies for this school year. Canceling proms now will allow school administrators to work with vendors to refund monies to students and families.

AISD's graduation ceremonies originally scheduled for May 26-28, 2020, will be postponed to August 10-13, 2020. All graduations (except Rosedale) will take place at the Erwin Center. As a reminder, because of the ongoing COVID-19 issues, those new dates are subject to change and dependent on conditions at that time. The tentative August graduation schedule is attached. In addition, the High Schools Office, with a committee of parents, students and principals, is working on a virtual graduation ceremony plan. We will announce details about the ceremonies shortly. We expect the virtual graduations to occur on or around June 15, 2020.

We are disappointed that these important milestones cannot continue as scheduled, but we are hopeful that we can come together virtually in June and in-person in August to celebrate the successes of our seniors.

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson

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