

May 15, 2020

Good afternoon EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!,

It is hard to believe it is already May 15, 2020 and we only have two official weeks of school left in the 2019-20 school year. The weather forecast for the next week looks promising and I hope to see a bunch of tractors in the fields. Enjoy the sunshine and have some fun! Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

- **Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation Ceremony** - Members of the Class of 2020 and small groups of their family members attended a filming session for the upcoming virtual graduation ceremony. Everyone wishes we could host a large event at the Civic Center like in years past, but it is not possible this year. It was really awesome to see the graduates and family members in person and I am excited to view the final product. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to the EGF SH staff, school board members, graduates and their families for making the day a success! The virtual graduation ceremony will be available for viewing at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22nd. Please check the district website and social media accounts next week to find links to the broadcast.



- **Senior Highlight Videos** - Please check out the following links to the Class of 2020 recognition videos. They are very well done and fun to watch.
  - [HS TV Video Link](#)
  - [Senior Spotlight Videos Twitter Link](#)
  - [Senior Slideshow Link](#)

- **Staff Parade Thank You** - The first ever “EGF ISD 595 Staff Wave Parade” was held on Thursday, May 7th and everyone seemed to have a great time. It was really fun to see the smiling faces of students and their families along the parade route! I would like to personally thank all of the staff members who participated in the event and families who lined the route to wave and say hello! It was great!



- **Last Week of School Plans** - The final week of school for PK-11 students will be May 26-29. It will not be your typical last week of school filled with final exams, field trips and other fun activities. Schedules and plans have been developed by each building for the collection of school devices and distribution of student materials. It is going to take several days for the collection and distribution process and be different for each grade level. Please go to the following links to review the last week of school plans for each site and feel free to call the offices if you have any questions or concerns.

- [School Readiness Link](#)
- [New Heights Elementary Link](#)
- [South Point Elementary School Link](#)
- [Central Middle School Link](#)
- [Senior High School Link](#)

- **Summer Programming Updates** - MN Emergency Executive Order 20-56 was released on May 14th and contained guidance for many of our summer programs. We are in the process of reviewing the information and making plans for potential programming, Please stay tuned for updates.

- **2020-21 School Calendars** - The EGF ISD 595 Board of Education recently adopted two separate calendars for the 2020-21 school year with start dates of September 1, 2020 and September 8, 2020. There has been some discussion in St. Paul about allowing school districts to start school before Labor Day this fall and we wanted to be prepared just in case legislators made a change to the current law. We should know more about the start date in a couple of weeks and hope to share the final calendar with families by the end of the month.

- **2020-21 Transportation Request Form** - Please go to the following link if you still need to submit a request for next year. [2020-21 School Bus Request Form Link](#)
- **2020-21 Kindergarten Registration** - Please go to the following link to 2020-21 KG registration information for next year. [2020-21 Kindergarten Registration Link](#)
- **CMS 6th Grade Registration** - Please go to the following link for 6th grade registration information for next year. [6th Grade Registration Information](#)

We will continue to share Coronavirus and other district related information on the school district website, instant messaging system and on social media. Thank you for being awesome!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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