



*“What We Do Here Shapes The World”*

Office of the Superintendent

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April 3, 2020

Dear Parents,

The Los Fresnos High School Commencement Ceremony is one of the most memorable events of the year. For students, this ceremony is a celebration of the results of their hard work and the commemoration of their achievements. The pomp and circumstance of this ceremony marks the beginning of the next chapter of their lives. It is a rite of passage, the beginning of their postsecondary experience in higher education, a career in the workforce, or in service to our country. It is a time for gathering with family to look back at the struggles, the victories and the blessings in our lives. Each year, our students use this as an opportunity to reflect and to express their gratitude to those who helped them along the way.

Commencement allows each of us who are fortunate enough to experience it, to look toward the future with hope. For teachers and administrators, it is the exclamation point at the end of a sentence. It marks the end of an era and the beginning of a new journey. Each student who walks on stage to receive a diploma is a point of pride for our District and a reminder the incredible responsibility we assumed the day parents enrolled them in our schools.

Prompted by the novel COVID-19 pandemic, shelter in place orders issued in relation to this global crisis and our desire to ensure the safety and health of our community, Los Fresnos CISD is exploring options for the real possibility that we may have to reschedule this year’s Commencement Ceremony. Not knowing what the future holds during these uncertain times and when the threat to our health and well-being will pass presents a challenge in planning, but we are committed to providing the experience our students have earned.

We are considering three alternate dates for the ceremony in the event that we cannot hold graduation on Saturday, May 30, 2020 as scheduled. These dates are each subject to the lifting of shelter-in-place orders and our ability to keep our community safe:

- Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 7 p.m. at Leo Aguilar Memorial Stadium, or
- Saturday, July 18, 2020, at 7 p.m. at Leo Aguilar Memorial Stadium; or
- Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 7 p.m. at Leo Aguilar Memorial Stadium

We look forward to honoring our graduates for what they have achieved and the manner in which they have represented their families, their school and the community. We thank you for your patience as we navigate through these trying times but most of all we thank you for sharing your children with us.

Respectfully,  
Gonzalo Salazar, Ed. D.  
*Superintendent of Schools*