

# SCOTT COUNTY VIRGINIA SCHOOLS

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Dear Families,

As the official end to the 2019-2020 school year occurs, there are many emotions all of us are facing. While normally a celebratory time of year, we know many of you are disappointed, upset, and sad—this is not how the last three months of our school year was supposed to go. We hope to lessen uncertainty by giving you the information we have at this time that is related to the end of year events.

**Seniors** If there was ever a class of graduating seniors who deserve a monumental send-off, it is the Class of 2020. You entered the world during the 9/11 year, and you are embarking the real-world during a pandemic. We realize you are celebrating a milestone in your life amid loss — the loss of senior experiences that simply cannot be replicated online. We believe in your resilience. Your future is bright and your determination is strong. We hope to honor your efforts and achievements soon.

**End of School** The Scott County School Board is in unanimous agreement to have a traditional graduation for all three high schools if regulations will allow. The Board plans to set the tentative dates of these traditional graduations at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting when they hope state restrictions will be lifted or reduced. Further information will be provided after the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.

**Return to School** We are currently unsure about what the beginning of next school year would look like. The Virginia Department of Education is considering multiple approaches that range from a normal opening to a completely remote opening. As we receive guidance from the VDOE, we will communicate with our families and stakeholders.

**Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration** Pre-K and kindergarten registration information for the 2020-2021 school year is available on our website. The kindergarten registration approach allows planning for the appropriate number of fall kindergarten classrooms. However, PreK application submission allows us to follow a specific criteria selection process. I encourage you to complete these as soon as possible.

In closing, I want to thank each of you again for your patience, support, and understanding during this terrible crisis. If there is anything at all that our staff can do to help you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

John I. Ferguson  
Superintendent  
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