In-Person Diploma Ceremony at Leesville Road High School

June 11, 2020 8 AM - 4:30 PM **UPDATED as of June 9** Virtual Online Ceremony

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For the in-person diploma ceremony on June 11, there are several guidelines you and your family must follow. Thank you in advance for adhering to these policies.

- 1) You will be given a time (posted below in **blue/green**) based upon your last name for when you should arrive to receive your diploma. Please arrive 5 minutes early for your specified time.
- Follow the designated traffic route to prevent congestion. You must enter from Country Trail off Leeville Road or you will not be allowed to enter the graduation route. A visual of the traffic route is provided on page 2 of this document. LRHS faculty members and Raleigh Police Department will be stationed throughout the route.
- 3) Every graduate may have a MAXIMUM of 2 vehicles—no exceptions.
- 4) Only the graduate may leave the car. All family members must remain in the vehicle at all times—no exceptions.
 A visual of the ceremony is provided on page 2 of this document.
- 5) Graduates must wear caps and gowns for the ceremony. Caps may not be decorated.
- 6) For proper attire, these guidelines will help the graduate appear most dignified for this formal ceremony:
 - a) **Gentlemen:** dark dress pants, dark socks, and dark dress shoes, a white button-down dress shirt, and a tie or bowtie, preferably black, blue, or Leesville green. Sunglasses are not allowed.
 - b) Ladies: something that does NOT show in the v-neck area of the gown. This could be a dress, romper, or dress pants/skirt and a blouse. Shoes should be simple and nude, black, or navy in color. Keep jewelry minimal so that the focus is on the graduate and the cap and tassel. Sunglasses are not allowed.
- 7) Though suggested, masks are not required for this ceremony.
- 8) This time frame, if adhered to, will allow all graduates to receive their diplomas and return home to watch the virtual online ceremony at 8 PM. During the diploma ceremony at school, graduates will receive 5 programs that provide the details on the 8 PM virtual ceremony as well as a listing of all members of the Class of 2020.

Below is the time to arrive at LRHS to receive your diploma according to your last name.

Α	8:00 AM	G	10:40	Ν	1:55
B-Bi	8:15	H-I	11:05	O-P-Q	2:00
Bl-Bu	8:40	J-K	11:35	R	2:35
С	9:05	L.	12:05 PM	S	3:05
D	9:45	M-Me	12:25	T-U-V	3:40
E-F	10:15	Mi–My	12:50	W	4:00
				X-Y-Z	4:25

- 9) If you choose not to participate in the June 11 diploma ceremony, you may come to the front of the school Friday, June 12 from 9–11 AM to pick up your diploma.
- 10) Thank you for showing us grace and kindness as we do the best we can to provide a memorable ceremony while still maintaining social distancing guidelines.
- **Rain location: Front of the school under the awning. All guidelines remain the same**

Class of 2020



Diploma Distribution Traffic Route

A. All vehicles must enter from Country Trail.

B. Turn onto Pride Way (Leesville Elementary is on the corner).

C. At the end of Pride Way, all car will turn right onto O'Neal Rd. Then, they will take the 2nd right onto Stadium Drive.

Vehicles will be directed through the back of the circle, up to the student parking lot, and back around to the base of the hill.

D. The diploma distribution ceremony will occur at the back circle with graduates exiting their vehicles to participate.

E. After participating in this event, all vehicles will turn right out of Stadium Drive onto O'Neal Rd and leave via Leesville Road at the stoplight.

Diploma Ceremony Procedure

After looping around the student parking lot, families will head back down the hill.

At the green speed bump by the student parking lot steps, the graduate will exit the vehicle and walk to the stage set in the island. The graduate will never have to cross traffic.

The family will continue in their vehicle along the front side of the circle, taking photos and/or video of the graduate from their vehicle. For optimal pictures, the person taking photos should sit in the backseat on the driver's side.

The student will have their name called by their administrator, proceed across the stage, and pick up their diploma. Mr. Solomon will be onstage as well.

After receiving their diploma, the graduate will walk down the stage to the Class of 2020 Pride Rock.

At Pride Rock, the graduate will pause to have their photo taken by a professional photographer. Smile!

The graduate will walk by the banner with the names of all graduates, which will make for another excellent photo opportunity from the vehicle.

The graduate will then be picked back up by their family on the other side of the island area.

