

Dear Seniors and Families:

Our high school principals and district administrators have been working very hard to develop several plan options for end-of-year activities. The planning included gathering information directly from students, surveys, and a Thought Exchange with families and students.

With the announcement of tiered plans and guidelines for how our community will re-open, we are now able to provide you with an update and some information regarding end-of-year activities.

The slow re-opening includes several steps, and any movement to the next step depends entirely on how well we are progressing on rates of infection. Please continue to follow health department guidance with regard to hand washing, social distancing and gathering sizes. Each step is expected to last 3-4 weeks.

- Step 1 – No more than 25% of a building's occupancy code (and no more than 10 people);
- Step 2 – No more than 50 people in one place;
- Step 3 – No more than 100 people in one place;
- Step 4 – No more than 250 people in one place;

Details on our community's response and recovery plan, including each stage of re-opening, are available here: <https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/COVID-19-Response-and-Recovery-Plan.pdf>

The limits on mass gatherings in each stage of re-opening mean that we will not be able to hold a traditional mass gathering graduation ceremony or prom activities. With those limits in mind, the district plans for the following:

- Graduation will be held in-person in small groups with social distancing, in accordance with the guidelines for size of mass gatherings. This means that schools will have multiple ceremonies in order to accommodate the large number of graduates for each school.
- The small group, in-person ceremonies will take place from July 30 through August 2.
- Details on how the ceremonies will be organized, including your student's exact graduation ceremony date (and if guests will be allowed to attend), will be available after July 15.
- While we are optimistic about this plan, if we are unable to hold the small group ceremonies, there will be no alternative plans made for a virtual graduation option.
- The district will not hold prom or a virtual prom option.

It has been our consistent desire to have an in-person graduation for our students. This format will allow for that while still following the requirements for the size of mass gatherings. We recognize that this option may not be exactly what some had hoped for, but we believe it will still allow recognition and celebration of each student's accomplishment blended with the desire for that recognition to occur in person.

We thank you for your patience and flexibility while we worked through each scenario and determined a final option for end-of-year activities.

Stay safe and healthy,

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