



To: OCUSD School board/ Dr. Mahoney
From: Dr. Heidi Deininger, OHS Principal
Re: Moving Graduation 2021 **Final Proposal**
Date: 1.12.2021

Proposal: Move the 2021 graduation date from the traditional Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (May 30, 2021) to the evening of **Saturday, May 15th, 2020 @ 7:00 PM.** Host graduation in the stadium with a stage on the home sidelines, graduates on the track (seated) and family members spread out in the home bleachers.

Rationale: May 30th is very late. Our last day of student attendance for all students is May 19th, 2021. Seniors will be done the Friday prior to this (Friday, May 14th), as they will not be taking finals when the rest of the high school students take them. Waiting over two weeks to hold graduation is excessive.

Desired Graduation Plan: Our desired plan is to host graduation in the stadium, using the stage we had last year. After discussion with Mr. Nesemeier, we determined that we could put the stage on the grassy sideline, facing the home bleachers, and have the graduates on the track. Families could sit in the home bleachers. By having the stage on the sidelines, we would not need a tarp on the field and we could limit walking on the field.

Alternative Plans (weather/Covid): If rain is predicted on the morning of graduation, we would move the event into the BHC, *if we are no longer under Covid regulations*. If we are still under Covid regulations, graduation will be done as it was last year, as a drive in ceremony.

Thank you for your consideration.

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