

Pearl River School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River Students and Families,

At Tuesday night's meeting of the Board of Education members of the community raised questions and concerns regarding the potential impact of capital project work on the fields and the impact it could have on this year's graduation.

It became clear that the desire of the community members who spoke at the meeting, the student representative on the board, herself a graduating senior, is to have the graduation take place as it is has in past years, on the football field. In addition each of the members of the Board of Education feels strongly that the graduation be held at its traditional location. The bid process, scheduled for May 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. took place as planned and its conclusion allows the District to engage selected contractors in a discussion about start dates and expected dates of completion for the projects.

A question was asked at the Board meeting regarding the start date that was posted on the bid documents by the District. That date was June 4, 2018 with a corresponding completion date of September 15, 2018. These dates are not fixed and as mentioned Tuesday evening the District has the ability to modify the start and end time of a project. Discussions with contractors about this have already begun and the District has clearly indicated that any work that could impact the graduation site would have to wait until after graduation.

It should be noted that a later start date will result in a later completion date and will impact fall sports and other events that make use of the fields. In any scenario, the district will work to minimize inconveniences and disruptions to programs.

Please expect additional information on this subject to be shared as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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