

GREER HIGH SCHOOL

PROM AND GRADUATION INFORMATION

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On Wednesday, April 22nd, Governor McMaster announced that schools will not return to in-person instruction this year. As a result of his decision, no proms will take place for students in Greenville County this year. As you are aware, we must follow mandates and guidance from appropriate state, local, and public health officials. As with any decision we make, the safety of our students remains our top priority.

We know this news is probably not unexpected, but it will be upsetting to students who were planning to attend the prom and especially for seniors and their families who were looking forward with anticipation to the last formal event before graduation of their high school years. At this moment, venues in Greenville that schools have reserved for hosting the prom are also under restrictions to the number of individuals they can have on site as well as operating under the same social distancing protocols and mandates as our schools.

While we are unsure if the month of May will have an ease of these restrictions with our local venues or not, as an extracurricular event, it is inappropriate to have prom when regular school is not in session. This is consistent with standing protocols that athletic and other after school events do not occur during closures caused by winter weather or other unexpected events.

All students who paid for tickets to the Greer High School prom will receive a refund and we will communicate in the coming weeks when these refunds will be received.

Many of you may also wonder how the decision of prom may impact graduation. Please know that Greenville County Schools is determined to have some form of graduation ceremonies to recognize and celebrate our seniors. Working closely with the high school principals, GCS staff are in the process of developing a preference survey to be disseminated to all seniors. This will include options to our traditional graduation ceremonies in terms of format, location, and timing. Once GCS staff members have collected, analyzed, and discussed the input from the affected students, they will solicit input from parents of graduating seniors via a survey.

We expect to be able to announce a final decision by mid-May. In the meantime, look for information about the surveys in upcoming communications. Whatever decision is ultimately made, it will be done so with the primary objective of providing the most “normal” graduation we can for our seniors while maintaining the health and safety of all involved under mandates and guidance from state, local, and public health officials.

I thank you for your support of our students at Greer High School, and wish you and your family good health and bright futures.

