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Ted L. Roush, Superintendent of Schools May 5, 2020

Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies will be held in traditional style, with limited capacity, for Branford High School and Suwannee High School. In keeping with COVID-19 concerns, and in consultation with the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, Suwannee County Department of Health, and Phase 1 of the Governor's Reopening Plan, Baccalaureate and Graduation plans are as follows:

May 27, 2020 (Wednesday)

Suwannee High School Baccalaureate 8:00 p.m. Paul Langford Stadium

<u>May 28, 2020 (Thursday)</u> Branford High School Baccalaureate 8:00 p.m. Buccaneer Stadium

May 29, 2020 (Friday) Branford High School Graduation 8:00 p.m. Buccaneer Stadium

May 30, 2020 (Saturday) Suwannee High School Graduation 8:00 p.m. Paul Langford Stadium

Graduation ceremonies for RIVEROAK Technical College are to be determined.

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For Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies, <u>ONLY</u> authorized personnel and participants will be allowed on the fields before, during, and after the ceremonies.

All graduates and spectators must obey social distancing guidelines requiring six (6) feet of distance between all persons at all times. Graduates will be spaced properly on the field, and all spectators will need to follow similar practices while in the stadium and follow markings on and around the stadium area.

Social distancing guidelines and restrictions limit the number of individuals allowed in the stadiums. These guidelines will allow for members of the Graduating Class of 2020 to be given four (4) special identification arm bands. These arm bands will allow admission into Baccalaureate and Graduation. It is important to note that individuals not in possession of the proper arm band for the specific event will be denied entry. Should governmental and Health Department guidelines change, following this Press Release, that allow for additional arm bands to be issued, Branford High School and Suwannee High School will make those adjustments at that time. Seniors not needing all four (4) of their designated arm bands may also give their extras to other seniors.

NO groups will be allowed to assemble before, during, or after any of the events related to Baccalaureate or Graduation on School Board property.

Additional and site specific information will be forthcoming from the high school sites to their respective seniors. Please contact Branford High School or Suwannee High School for further information.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE: WQHL Radio WCTV-6 Tallahassee WTXL-27 Tallahassee

<u>FYI</u>: Suwannee Democrat

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