

THOMAS ALVA EDISON HIGH SCHOOL
JOHN C. FAREIRA SKILLS CENTER
151 WEST LUZERNE STREET
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Due to inclement weather, EHS Graduation is postponed until Monday, June 14th at 11:00am. Please be advised that we will have only one graduation ceremony. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and your families.

Dear School District of Philadelphia Class of 2021 Graduates and Families,

Congratulations! The Class of 2021 has experienced the unimaginable due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and still you have persevered to soon become outstanding high school graduates. Your commitment to finish the year strong regardless of the obstacles placed in front of you is proof that you are well-prepared to become the leaders, problem solvers and change-makers that our city, nation and world need now more than ever. All of us at Thomas A. Edison High School/John C. Fareira Skills Center and the School District of Philadelphia are so proud of you!

You deserve to have the full experience of wearing your cap and gown, turning your tassel, tossing your cap and celebrating this key milestone together with your fellow graduates. That's why we are pleased to announce that this year's graduation will be in person. The ceremony will be held on Monday, June 14th, 2021, at 11am at Edison HS Football Field which is located at 151 W. Luzerne Street. If our graduation plans are impacted by inclement weather, we will contact you with details.

Ensuring everyone's safety during the ceremony is our highest priority. Here is some important information to help you plan ahead for a safe celebration:

- **In-Person Guests & Tickets** - each graduate will be able to invite a maximum of two (2) guests to attend the ceremony in person. This will allow for safe social distancing for all attendees. Graduation Admission Tickets will be provided to students by June 8th 2021. Graduates will provide the names of each guest for record keeping purposes.
- Upon arrival at the graduation site, guests will be asked to provide their name and present their ticket, hard copy.
- **Self-Screening** - all students and guests are asked to self-screen at home before the ceremony using this [Self-Screening Guide](#). For everyone's safety,

please remain at home if you exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined in the Self-Screening guide, or any other illness.

- **Support Staff** - there will be school and central office support staff as well as school safety staff present at the graduation to ensure our guests and students have a safe and memorable experience.
- **Arrival and Departure Times** - admission into the venue will begin 30 minutes prior to the graduation ceremony which will begin promptly at 11:00am. The ceremony will conclude at 12:30pm. Several school graduations will be held on-site throughout the day so guests are asked to depart within 30 minutes so the site can be prepared for the next graduation ceremony.
- **Parking & Public Transit** - Graduates and Families will be asked to park in front of the school on Luzerne Street.
- **Masking** - all staff, students and guests are to enter the stadium wearing a face mask and must wear it covering both the nose and mouth at all times while on site. A face mask will be provided if needed.
- **Food and Drink**- no food or drink other than bottled water can be brought on site.
- **Seating** - all seating areas will be marked to support social distancing. Please sit in the designated seats only.
- **Hand Sanitizer Stations** - these stations will be available for your use throughout the venue.
- **Virtual Graduation Viewing** - family and friends who cannot attend in-person due to capacity constraints can view the ceremony virtually. TBD

As previously shared, caps and gowns will be provided free of charge, courtesy of the School District of Philadelphia. Senior items and regalia will be available on June 8th 2021.

Congratulations once again - Class of 2021! We look forward to celebrating this amazing occasion with you. If you have any questions, please contact our school at 215-400-3900.

Sincerely,



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Proud Principal-EHS