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## **POCONO RACEWAY AGREES TO HOST ADDITIONAL LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS**

*Jim Thorpe Area High School, Pocono Mountain East High School and  
Pocono Mountain West High School Ceremonies Announced*

**LONG POND, Pa. (May 8, 2020)** – Pocono Raceway will host the high school graduation ceremonies for Jim Thorpe Area High School, Pocono Mountain East High School and Pocono Mountain West High School. All ceremonies will be held in accordance with social distancing requirements set by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pocono Raceway will host four, local high school graduations at their facility starting next month. The confirmed dates include the recently announced North Pocono High School graduation on Friday, June 12, as well as the Pocono Mountain East High School ceremony on Friday, June 19 and Pocono Mountain West High School's graduation on Saturday, June 20. The Raceway and Jim Thorpe Area School District are finalizing details for an event to take place the first week of June.

"Pocono Raceway is honored to host these joyous graduations for local high school seniors and their loved ones," said Pocono Raceway CEO, Nick Igdalsky. "It is all about the students and giving them the chance to celebrate all they have accomplished during their high school careers. The response from additional school districts has been incredible and we are open to hosting as many ceremonies as possible. Our facility will work directly with each school district to provide social distancing guidelines and outlines to all those participating."

Each ceremony will allow for graduating seniors and their guests to attend while remaining inside the comfort of their personal vehicles. The events will be broadcast on the Raceway's internal FM radio station and double-sided video boards. The students will be called to drive across the Pocono Raceway start/finish line and invited to complete a victory lap around the 2.5-mile triangle-shaped track. Each school will provide the programming for their respective event and the opportunity to include some of their traditional graduation components.

"A sincere and heartfelt thank you goes out to the leadership team of the Pocono Raceway for providing their famous racing venue," said Jim Thorpe Area School District Superintendent, Mr. John Rushefski, "And the Jim Thorpe Area School District Board of Education for supporting the

Class of 2020 with our most important event of the school year, the graduation of our senior class,” said Jim Thorpe Area School District Superintendent, Mr. John Rushefski.

“We are very appreciative of the Pocono Raceway partnering with Pocono Mountain School District to host our East and West graduations for our seniors,” said Dr. Elizabeth Robison, Superintendent of School for Pocono Mountain SD. “The ceremonies we are planning will provide an exciting and memorable graduation for all of our seniors. This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our graduates.”

Exact timing and additional details for the upcoming graduations will be communicated by the respective school districts to their faculty and students.

*\*All events and details are subject to change without notice.*

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**About Pocono Raceway**

Pocono Raceway, also known as ‘The Tricky Triangle,’ is family-owned and situated in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. In business for over 50 years, the Raceway hosts multiple, national motorsports events including two NASCAR Cup Series, one NASCAR Xfinity Series, one NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series and one ARCA Menards Series events each year. The facility’s calendar also consists of over 200 events including a wide range of car clubs and racing schools. Pocono Raceway is recognized as the world’s first, privately-owned solar-powered sports facility. Their 25-acre, three-megawatt solar farm provides the energy needs of the Raceway, as well as, adds electricity to the local power grid. Each member of our raceway staff is committed to creating exciting experiences and lifelong memories. For more information, please visit [www.poconoraceway.com](http://www.poconoraceway.com).