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School District Releases Seating Plans for Hamilton – Suwannee Football Game

In preparation for the large crowd expected for the annual rivalry football game between Hamilton County High School and Suwannee High School, the school district has announced plans for seating to ensure social distancing and a safe spectator environment. Seating in the permanent stands on each side of the football field will be restricted to every other row with spacing between family and friend groups. The rows not being used will be marked with yellow tape. To help facilitate space for those fans not being able to find seating in the stands, portable bleachers have been brought in to the stadium for additional seating. There will also be a large open area behind the East endzone (next to the scoreboard) to accommodate standing room for spectators and room for lawn chairs to be set up to watch the game. Rope will be used to limit individuals to this area to ensure social distancing opportunities.

Superintendent of Schools Rex Mitchell stated “We are excited to have football return for the new season and to offer a sense of normalcy to our students and spectators. This is an exciting rivalry that will draw a large crowd and we want to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all attending the game.” Superintendent Mitchell went on to say “By bringing in the additional seating and opening the area in the East endzone to spectators, we feel confident we can accommodate the expected crowd while ensuring an atmosphere for social distancing and reducing the chance for a coronavirus exposure. If attendees do not follow the protocols that we have found to be appropriate for a gathering of this size, it will be very difficult to ensure a safe and healthy environment.”

The district will be using two entrances for the game with spectators arriving from the South using the entrance off SW 55th Drive and those from the North entering the main road to the school and district. Parking will be arranged so that drivers will have easy access to exit the same route that was used to enter the campus. Plan to arrive early to avoid a delay in parking and at the ticket booths. Lawn chairs will be allowed in the stadium for use in the spectator area in the East endzone.

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