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## Press Release

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**Augusta, Georgia-** The Augusta Youth Development Campus (YDC) will hold a high school graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday, May 20 at the Augusta YDC Gymnasium.

During the ceremony, three youths will receive their high school diplomas and 7 will receive their GEDs. Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Amy Howell will be the commencement speaker.

“Education is a key indicator of a youth’s future success,” Howell said. “I am proud of these youth who have worked hard to reach their goals, and am honored that this will be my first opportunity to address DJJ graduates as commissioner.”

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice is Georgia’s 181st school district and has accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. All DJJ teachers are certified. Students in short-term RYDCs and long-term YDCs both receive 330 minutes of instruction each day year round. Students in DJJ schools can achieve a GED, high school diploma or special education diploma. All academic and vocational credits awarded are transferable with the youth upon a return to the community.

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