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To Class of 2020 Graduates & Families:

As most of you know, we have been working diligently on several possible scenarios for Graduation. We all want to honor our graduates as much as possible and our first priority has and will always be an in-person graduation.

However, as of this date, the Governor's directives remain clear on prohibiting large non-essential public gatherings. He has also clearly deemed graduation ceremonies as non-essential. We had hoped this would have changed by now, but as of now these restrictions have not been lifted or modified. We hope new guidance will come out soon. However, until then we need to move forward to make sure we have plans in place for our seniors. We will be creating a graduation video that can be used as a virtual graduation ceremony or as an amazing keep sake as our first step. **IF** the Governor's restrictions are eased, we will move forward toward a more traditional graduation for June 27th while working within the required social distancing directives.

The district has contracted with a professional videographer to create a high quality digital graduation video. The recording of this will be done on Friday, June 19th. All seniors and their families will be given instructions about that date, and it is imperative that all attend at the set time. This will only work well if all graduates participate, so please plan for some time at school on that date. If restrictions are not lifted, this video will be ready to be played at the normal graduation time on June 27th via YouTube.

However, if the directives for gatherings change between now and June 27th, we are poised to move toward an in-person graduation for our seniors. We are working on several different scenarios for an in-person graduation so that we can move quickly once we receive updated guidance. While we cannot and will not defy the directives given by the Governor, we remain hopeful that those guidelines will ease between now and the end of the month.

Please know that we have **ALL** options on the table **IF** we are given a go-ahead to gather. In the meantime, this virtual graduation video is very important so please participate on Friday, June 19th. We want this video to be a great memory for all, regardless if we have to celebrate virtually or in person on Saturday, June 27th.

Senior Class advisors will be working with seniors on all the details.

Thank you for your understanding and support! We will continue to work hard to honor our senior class.

Sincerely,

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