



May 12, 2020

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Now that the Governor has given us direction for the rest of this school year, the district is able to plan for a few key events. As far as our current school year, we have started the final marking period for students. A letter will be forthcoming to explain final grading for all students during the dismissal and remote learning portion of this school year. Please also note that in order to meet our required days in session, May 22 will be a day of online instruction.

There are also many other questions that we have received and will address each of them over the coming days and weeks. They include the following:

- What is the last day of school/remote learning?
- When and how will school technology be returned?
- When and how will students pick up personal belongings still at the school?
- How will yearbooks be distributed?
- Will there be summer school?
- Will the district still have summer sports camps?

The district is creating a plan to address these questions. We will communicate it to you as soon as practical.

The recent announcement from the governor also results in several decisions that need to be made, and they are not what you would be hoping to hear. Most events have had to be cancelled; therefore, I will focus on the items that we are still trying to make happen.

First and foremost, we are in the planning stages for an outdoor socially distanced graduation for the Class of 2020. This is scheduled to take place either June 25, 26, or 27, 2020, pending weather of course, with the 27<sup>th</sup> being a rain or shine event.

Additionally, this is the time of year that we would normally announce class honors for our graduates. This year, the honors had to be calculated based on all work leading up to the high school's sixth marking period due to the pandemic and to maintain the accuracy of the academic transcript. As such, we utilized all grades for all seniors until January 2020 reporting. We would like to formally announce the **Class of 2020 Valedictorian, Mr. Alan Zoubi**, and **Class Salutatorian, Mr. Andy He**. Congratulations to all, especially during this unique time for your class.

We are also in the planning process for a virtual Senior Honor Assembly and Sports Tribute. These events will be coordinated by the high school administration and the athletic department, to honor our seniors as we bring this challenging year to a close.

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The district was hoping to provide an opportunity for junior and seniors to have their proms, first separately, and even together if possible. However, at this time the district must focus on the seniors who will be leaving the school. As a result, the junior gathering will not happen this year. A date of June 20, 2020 has been selected for a possible senior prom. We are doing this to hold out some hope for this event. However, there are no guarantees that the gathering will be allowed to happen as we work with county agencies to see if we can move forward. We may be able to have an alternate event just after graduation in partnership with the Project Graduation parent committee. Our key hope is that all seniors have the opportunity to attend an event, if possible, before they travel off to their futures after graduating.

The district is in the process of preparing for the annual election and Budget Vote for the funding of the 2020–21 school year. In accordance with the Governor’s executive order, all voting must take place through absentee ballot. Information is being mailed via post card to all residents with the directions on how to vote. Completed ballots must be at the district by 5pm June 9, 2020.

This is certainly a lot to cover in a letter, but as you know there are many things happening in our district. I am proud of and grateful for everyone in our district and community, working so hard to do what we can to assist our students. We are trying to focus right now on how we can best end the school year, while trying to make sure the end of the year is as memorable for all, especially the graduating Class of 2020.

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Be Well!



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