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June 2, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2020,

Just a quick update regarding the amazing Class of 2020!

Although the Governor has allowed for in-person graduations there are a host of safety-minded requirements for event organizers to adhere to. At this time, we are limited by his executive order which states that outside gatherings are capped at **25 people** in attendance. We do expect that the maximum size of gatherings continues to be adjusted throughout June and July to allow for our traditional graduation ceremony with everyone in attendance. However, that may not be a guarantee.

As an example we would need the maximum gathering size to increase to **250 people** to graduate the entire class and up to **700 people** to be able to invite two guests. As you can see, the situation is fluid and we will continue to be patient with the process.

You will recall that all students and parents were surveyed in April. We took your feedback seriously and were able to chart our course of direction through your guidance. You were clear: an on field full class ceremony was strongly preferred while keeping participant safety keenly in our radar. We developed our contingency plans with those points in mind and remain both committed and unchanged in our plans:

- June 19, 2020: Diploma Delivery
- July 24, 2020: Tentative Graduation Date 1
- July 31, 2020: Tentative Graduation Date 2
- May 27, 2021: Tentative Graduation Date 3

I did meet with the student leadership and have discussed other options if we are unable to gather as one DHS family. I will obviously continue to communicate with you and keep you up to date with news and plans.

At this time, Prom is not likely to occur; however, it is still scheduled with Luciens.

Departmental Awards and Scholarships - Update

The awards ceremony will be video-taped (showing my age) tomorrow and fingers-crossed, released on Thursday along with the transcript of the event. Any and all awards that Seniors earn will be handed out on Monday, June 15th. I had originally stated that it would be on June 8th; however, I decided to give the students their awards when they come to pick up their graduation materials.

Return of Books and Materials - Reminder



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Telephone: 856-461-6100 **Fax:** 856-764-6711 The Class of 2020 has been scheduled to return its books and other school materials on **Monday**, **June 8th** adhering to the following schedule:

■ A-C	8:30 - 9:30
■ D-F	9:30 - 10:30
■ G-J	10:30 - 11:30
■ K-M	11:30 - 12:30
■ N-S	12:30 - 1:30
■ T-Z	1:30 - 2:30

A list of rules and regulations will be given to the entire DHS community on Thursday, June 4th, in order to keep everyone safe.

Class of 2020 Pick-Up of Graduation Materials - Update

We have placed all of the students' materials into a paper bag with handles to make the process run a bit more smoothly.

Please note: Any senior who owes books, materials, fine(s), or who has not completed the Post-Graduation Plan survey <u>will not</u> be allowed to pick up any graduation materials. **There are no exceptions**. We will be making phone calls to make those parents aware if your child still owes us books or has any fines outstanding. All outstanding fines must be paid in cash or money order by **Friday, June 19th.**

For graduation diploma distribution, it is imperative that we have your correct address. Please sign-in to the Parent Portal to make sure that your address is correct. **If it is not, please email me as soon as possible so that we can plan our final route.** As we get closer, I will send out the final list of stops and times.

Due to circumstances beyond its control, the PTA was unable to hold the Gift Basket Extravaganza this past weekend. The new date is **Saturday, June 6th at 5:00 p.m. on Facebook Live!** All numbers were given out on tickets that were purchased on March 9th. If you did not receive your ticket number, please email Denise at <u>delran.mshs.pta@gmail.com</u>. Winners will be notified and need to pick up baskets on **Sunday, June 7th between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.** The PTA has 263 beautiful baskets valued from \$25.00 to \$350.00! Good luck to all!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at <u>dfinkle@delranschools.org</u> or call me at (609) 820-8993.

With Bear Pride and Spirit, Daniel S. Finkle Principal