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Dear Senior Students and Parents,

It is our great pleasure to send out this information about the commencement for the class of 2020. This letter seeks to inform you of procedures that will not only allow your family to enjoy the ceremony in a safe way, but also maintain social distance between families who may have a compromised immune system or fall into at-risk categories. The following guidance was sent to us on Friday from Dr. Eric Mackey, State Superintendent of Education, and we will establish procedures to follow these guidelines:

At a minimum, gatherings must be held in a facility that would allow a distance of six feet between families. Family members of the same household may sit together without regard to the social distance rule. Health protocols or serving attendees:

- Strongly encourage people 65 or older and others especially at risk to watch or participate in the service remotely. WE WILL DO A FACEBOOK LIVE OF THE CEREMONY.
- Designate an area inside the facility reserved for the at-risk population or offer a service for at-risk population attendees only. **THE TRACK WILL BE HANDICAPPED ONLY.**
- Ensure proper spacing between attendees:
 - Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet of separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
 - Two or more members of the same household can sit next to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
 - Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty). " "All individuals and especially vulnerable persons are encouraged to exercise personal responsibility in slowing the spread of COVID19 by:
 - a. Minimizing travel outside the home, especially if sick;
 - b. Wearing face coverings around people from other households when it is necessary to leave the home;
 - c. Washing hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces;

- d. Refraining from touching one's face;
- e. Sneezing or coughing into a tissue, or the inside of one's elbow; and
- f. Disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

In order to keep families together and at an appropriate social distance from other families, we have established the following procedures:

- Graduation practice will be Friday night at 6 p.m. **ONLY GRADUATES ARE ALLOWED**
- Graduation will be Saturday at 6 p.m. All graduates need to be at the stadium by 5:30 p.m.
- Graduates may have up to 10 family members present at the ceremony.
- Your family members **MUST** have a ticket to enter the stadium. When each family group arrives at the gate, you will give your ticket to our staff. You will get your tickets at grad practice.
- We will have each family designated to sit on one side of the stadium, based on which side of the field your senior is sitting on. There will be a sign when you enter the stadium that directs you to the appropriate side of the stadium.
- If the visitor does not have a ticket, they will not be permitted in the stadium. We will use home and visitor bleachers for seating of families.
- We will skip every other row and block off six-foot sections in the middle of each set of open bleachers.
- No lines will be permitted to form outside of gates until 5:00 p.m. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. Please stay in your car until 5pm.
- Families are asked to keep social distance outside of gates.
- Family groups must enter together and sit together.
- Handicapped seating is available on the track on the home side. The overflow will be the visitor side track area.
- It is permissible to bring lawn chairs to sit with your family or blankets for the hillside.
- Handicap parking is available down both sides of the road that goes to the stadium.
- We encourage car-pooling among family groups. The student parking lot will be reserved for graduates and staff only.
- Graduates will be seated six feet apart, and we will not be able to shake hands as they cross the stage.
- We will have a professional photographer and provide a photograph for you so that you do not have to be concerned about capturing this special moment. After the ceremony, graduates will exit to the parking lot, where they **MUST** leave campus immediately following the ceremony. Family members will be dismissed by rows. I encourage you to establish an off-campus location to meet family and friends for photos.
- This is a traditional formal graduation ceremony. Graduates should dress appropriately.

- If you or your family members are not comfortable with your graduate attending this ceremony, I would be happy to arrange an individual time to meet your graduate to present his/her diploma for your small family group.
- The ceremony will also be live-streamed on Facebook for those that are unable to attend the ceremony. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held on the following day that has acceptable weather, in this case Sunday at the same time.

We can't wait to see you all again and send you off in a way that you deserve. Go, Eagles!