March 17, 2020

Dear Center Line High School Seniors,

This is supposed to be your year—the year for your senior prom, great athletic events, clubs, senior gatherings, and the rest of what senior year is supposed to offer. You were supposed to have one more year to shine before stepping into the next stage of life. You have spent the past 11-12 years building up to this point, and it was robbed from you because of this global pandemic.

We all understand that you are worried about the BIG activities like prom, commencement, banquets, honors celebrations, and more. We assure you that we will do our very best to make sure as many of these happen if at all possible. As soon as we can return to school, we will either hold to the originally scheduled dates or will reschedule as many as we can. We will celebrate you, your accomplishments, and your gifts and talents.

We all know that this is hard on you. Our care and concern for all of our students does not stop once you leave our buildings. In this unprecedented time, we worry about all of you, and we grieve with you over the loss of part of your senior year. Our staff is working to provide opportunities to keep you on track if you have credits to recover and/or work to catch up on. They are also providing opportunities to enrich your learning. There’s nothing I, or anyone, can say to make up for the time you are losing in what is supposed to be one of the best years of your life. I do want to offer encouragement and remind you that you can decide to make the most out of a tough situation. You are innovative and resilient and are able to succeed in the physical and the virtual world, sometimes simultaneously. You are courageous and intelligent and capable of compensating for the gaps in learning through access to Khan Academy, listening to family tell stories of their life, reading books of high interest, researching items that are important to you, and using this time to catch up and/or expand your understandings.

This is a great time to help your family. Step up and see what you can do to lend a hand to grandparents. FaceTime, text, tweet, and call friends to keep relationships going. Do the same with family members that you have not spoken to.

I am sad for you and know that you are worried about what may be missed, but please know that we know how important your senior celebrations and events are and truly want to make those happen. I know that this year is not turning out how you expected, but please be aware that we also want to celebrate you in a big way. Stay tuned for more information, and be assured that your special year is important to us, too.

Sincerely,

Eve Kaltz
Superintendent