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in every classroom!*



WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
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Congratulations! We are so excited to see you cross the stage and finally begin the next step of your life. Remember, graduation rehearsals will take place on Wednesday, June 20, Thursday, June 21, and Friday, June 22 before graduation. The much-anticipated senior BBQ and Celebration will be on Thursday, June 21 after rehearsal. Project Grad will be at Sonny's Place in Somers, CT following the ceremony. If you have not handed in your permission slip for Project Grad, please do so at the school bank. Do not miss this all-night graduation party! Project Grad is free of charge for all seniors who sign up.

We are aware that some families are inquiring about relocating the graduation ceremony away from the Windham High School gymnasium. In years past, graduation has been held outside. It then was held at Eastern Connecticut State University for some years. Per the request of the student body, graduation was moved back to Windham High School. We understand that parents and guardians want to invite guests to include family, friends, and others who help to support their students. However, after researching the possibility of moving locations, we found scheduling conflicts with site availability at Eastern. Also, we cannot move the ceremony outside because our current stage is not suitable for a non-level surface; *i.e.* dirt or grass, and the stage is also not weather-proof.

The preparation for graduation takes many months to plan, beginning in November, with collaboration among a graduation committee that includes students, teachers, administration and other stakeholders in our students' education. Communication has already been sent to families about this year's ceremony. Therefore, the committee made the decision to continue as planned. This is a decision that our committee reaches at the school level, hence we focused our efforts to meet our students and families' needs within our own building. These accommodations are also district-wide as we provide space and services for the Windham Middle School graduation, as well. As we have emphasized all year, we are one community, We Are Windham.

As we have implemented in previous years, we will handle guest overflow in the air-conditioned auditorium with live-feed video. In addition, we will move guests from the auditorium to the gym as seats become available.

As Principal, I can assure you that the optimum graduation location will be one of the first topics for the graduation committee for next year. I am immensely proud of all the accomplishments of our seniors and cannot wait to see you at graduation.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Sosa Brialess, Principal