May 29, 2020

Dear Eighth Grade Families,

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020, Governor Murphy announced that schools would be permitted to host in-person outdoor graduation ceremonies as of July 6, 2020. The next day, we received guidance that included social distancing protocol as well as numerous requirements and critical factors to consider for public gatherings. Currently, the limit for an outdoor gathering is 25 people. However, we do understand that this 25-person limit may change in the coming weeks. Because of the ever-changing nature of this situation, we are continuing to develop plans that can be executed based on different scenarios. We will release our plans once they are finalized.

In the meantime, we are still moving forward with a virtual celebratory slideshow that will have multiple components of a traditional graduation ceremony: speeches given by students and administration, the announcement of all graduates’ names, and the announcement of various awards and accolades. This will be released in June for students to enjoy with their families and friends.

We will continue to monitor the situation and plan accordingly. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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