April 14, 2020

To the Students and Families of the South Monterey County Joint Union High School District:

Let me start by saying thank you for your hard work, understanding and support during these unusual and challenging times. Of course, our number one priority is the safety of our students and the community. To that end we have complied with all the Federal and State declarations and local public health orders. We have transitioned our instruction, for the remainder of this school year, to a virtual or independent study method. All the end of the year events have been cancelled or suspended and we are following all the social distancing directives as we fulfill our essential functions.

However, one event is unlike all others and requires careful and thoughtful consideration. High School Graduation signifies the conclusion of a student’s Compulsory Education and is monumental in the life of a student and their families. Recognizing this the South Monterey County JUHSD, is working very hard to make that event happen. Therefore, with as much optimism as possible, we are rescheduling our graduations to the following dates:

**JULY 30, 2020:** Portola-Butler Continuation High School – Pinnacles Academy

**JULY 31, 2020:** King City High School

**AUGUST 1, 2020:** Greenfield High School

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In keeping with the need to ensure safety, we will review these dates **JULY 1, 2020**, and consider the status of the Emergency Declaration as well as the recommendations of the Monterey County Public Health Department. We will provide further directions or confirm the dates that day.

Again, thank you for working with us as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Dr. Brian Walker
Superintendent