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"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"

To: Senior Learners, Parents, and Guardians
From: Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal
Re: Commencement Family Update
Date: June 7, 2021

Greetings Senior Families,

Graduation is a day away! With this important milestone here, we need to make a weather-related decision for the ceremony. We've previously planned to hold the ceremony on a day with nice weather - but unfortunately that is pushing us out many days.

In the Friday, June 4 family update, it was mentioned that we were continuing with the ceremony as scheduled on Tuesday, June 8, but to be prepared for inclement weather. In speaking with the class today, we know that they would like to have the ceremony tomorrow as well. Therefore, the commencement ceremony will be tomorrow, June 8.

However, due to the forecast, we are asking for input from the senior families regarding holding the event indoors. We can only now provide this option due to capacity limits that have been removed from the state DOH. However, there are still Covid-19 mitigation practices that we are to follow.

Please read the options below. We are sending this message out to you today for your review so that you understand the options. **We will be sending a second family notification via Skylert approximately an hour after the first message to give you time to review the options and offer your response.** We know that this is a short timeframe, but your input is appreciated to help us to continue with our planning adjustments. We want this to be a great event for our graduates, and the weather is unpredictable!

Option 1: War Vets Memorial Field - Rain or Shine

- Considerations
 - Families must be prepared for rain - please bring umbrellas, ponchos, towels, etc
 - **If there is lighting, we will need to clear the stadium** (graduates will be able to report to the field house), with guests returning to their cars. The ceremony would then resume after a delay, such as during an outdoor sporting event
 - The event will be livestreamed by the district, but may not be professionally done by due to technology constraints
- The school district will still reserve the right to hold the ceremony inside, based upon the weather forecast
 - A determination to hold the event inside will be made by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, June 8

Option 2: HAHS Gymnasium - Inclement Weather

- Considerations
 - All guest tickets received for the outdoor plan will be honored (putting us at about 70% for the gym)
 - Graduates, families, and guests who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear face masks whenever they are inside and may not remove them. For the health and safety of everyone, those who are fully vaccinated are encouraged to do the same
 - Maximize the distance to the extent possible between your family and other guests
 - The HAHS auditorium will be available to view the ceremony for those that do not have a ticket and cannot be in the gymnasium
 - The event will be livestreamed professionally if held inside
 - There would be a modified parade route for the graduates after the ceremony

Again, a second Skylert message will be sent to senior families approximately an hour after this message is sent this evening. We appreciate your feedback and understanding as we look to make this a meaningful event for our seniors!

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,
HAHS Principal