5/15/20

To: Class of 2020 and Families

Thank you all for your patience as we plan for your graduation ceremony and continue to find ways to celebrate the awesome class of 2020!

We miss you all and hope you are staying safe and sane. With all the safety concerns, we had to get creative in what we can do for your graduation. We wanted to keep as many aspects of the ceremony as possible and we are going to do a **Drive-In style graduation on 6/6/20 at 2:PM.** Same date and time and similar processions, only we will be in vehicles. We are still ironing out all the fine details but I wanted to get an initial letter out so that you all are in the know.

Additional details will be sent out as we finalize all aspects of the event. We may need to adjust depending on state updates.

Here is the general idea:

1. One car per graduate (family can be in the car with you, but we will not be able to accommodate additional vehicles and we can’t have folks outside of their cars or in truck beds).
2. Keep vehicles to a normal passenger size (we will not be able to accommodate motorhomes, stretch limos, trailers, etc.)
3. Students will park in the front lot facing the stage with the stadium as the background (if it rains, we will have the stage under the front door covering).
4. We will live stream the event, have a video made and posted, and will have photos taken of graduates on stage.
5. Admin will welcome students to kick off the event, have our commencement speakers, Salutatorian, and Valedictorians come up individually and give speeches (sanitize in between each).
6. We will then begin announcing graduates one at a time to come to the stage. We will read their Senior Bio and announce awards as they come up to the stage, get their diploma, and get a photo taken. They will be the only one on the stage at this time.
7. After all students have been awarded diplomas, we will have closing remarks and announce the graduating class of 2020!
8. From there, we will have an optional car parade through town with escorts like we did for Riot Night.
9. We also intend to have a Senior Celebration for the class of 2020 once the social distancing order is removed and we can have a dance etc.

Please know that we want all graduates to participate and do not want to put anyone at a hardship. If families are unable to attend due to a vehicle, please contact Mr. Ceder and we will work out arrangements. Send any questions or concerns to Richard.ceder@lincoln.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,

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