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Dear Class of 2020 and Families,

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and well. This certainly is not how any of us imagined your senior year would conclude. Our hearts go out to our seniors and their families as many of the traditional milestones celebrated during the final semester have needed to be modified, postponed, or sadly canceled based on the COVID-19 pandemic. I am grateful to say that your School Board, District and Building Administration, Teachers, and Staff have remained steadfast in our commitment to making the culmination of your senior year meaningful and respectful of all that you have accomplished in your four years of high school.

In light of the evolving situation with COVID-19, Governor JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan, and Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education Joint Guidance Regarding Graduation Ceremonies, our schools have developed plans for graduation, including additional opportunities to recognize the Class of 2020. The Principals and I have met with senior members of the Districtwide Superintendent Student Advisory and we have listened to students and families who have brought forward suggestions and ideas for how we can appropriately celebrate the Class of 2020. And, we have worked with local health officials and municipalities to assure we are following necessary precautions. We have done our best to create celebration plans that are meaningful and safe within the guidelines set by the State which we must follow.

Following this letter, your school Principal will outline the plans that have been established. I look forward to celebrating the Class of 2020. As I reflect on the past four years, I am truly proud to be Superintendent for Sandburg, Stagg and Andrew High Schools. This class of seniors holds a special place in my heart and will go on to be amazing contributors in our community, state, and world. You make us #D230Proud.

Sincerely,

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Dear Stagg Class of 2020 Families,

I hope this email finds you well and safe. As you are aware, Stagg High School and District 230 has been in the process of developing plans for a graduation ceremony and prom options for the Class of 2020 at all three of our campuses. In light of the evolving situation with COVID-19, Governor JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan, and Illinois Department of Public Health & the Illinois State Board of Education Joint Guidance Regarding Graduation Ceremonies, we have developed the following plans for graduation, including additional opportunities to recognize the Class of 2020.

We recognize that nothing can replace the traditions of a graduating class, however, we are focused on providing the Class of 2020 the recognition that they deserve. In the environment we now face, adjustments are necessary to ensure that we keep our entire Stagg Community safe. It is our hope that the Class of 2020 and their families know how proud we are of their accomplishments...they are an extraordinary class!

INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION-JUNE 4TH

We will be hosting an individual graduation event where graduates will have the opportunity to wear their caps and gowns, cross a stage, receive their diploma cover and have a graduation photo taken of them. This will be scheduled through appointments over the course of the day and will only have one graduate participating at a time. Only the graduate will be allowed out of their car to participate. All other occupants must remain in the student's car. We will videotape and photograph each student crossing the stage along with reading their name. Once a graduate finishes crossing the stage and gets back into their car, the next graduate will pull up in their car and cross the stage. A Google form will be sent out next week for students and their families to commit to their participation in the individual graduation event.

VIRTUAL CEREMONIAL VIDEO

The student videos of those who participate in the individual ceremony will be compiled into a virtual graduation ceremony that will be sent out to all seniors and their families along with posting on the school website. Students who choose not to participate in crossing the stage will have their photo shown in the video along with their name being read. The video will include commencement speeches from myself, Dr. Gay, our student speaker, and the Senior Class President. A closing tribute to the Class of 2020 will also be included in the video. We expect that the video will be available a few weeks after the filming. We believe that the final product

will be a special way to honor the Class of 2020. Click [here](#) for more information on how to audition to be the Class of 2020 student speaker.

PROM

Prom has been rescheduled for July 7th at Silver Lakes Country Club in Orland Park. Information on ticket sales will be released at a later date. This event is subject to change based upon state and regional guidance from IDPH, ISBE and the Governor.

SENIOR CHECKOUT WEBINAR

Stagg High School will be hosting an informational webinar on Monday, May 11th at 7PM for all seniors and their parents. A link will be sent out to students and families Monday afternoon to connect to the webinar. In this meeting we will explain the process for senior checkout days on May 14th and May 15th, graduation details and prom information.

DIPLOMAS, GRADUATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER GRADUATE DOCUMENTATION

Diplomas, graduation programs and health records will be mailed home using the address families have provided in Skyward in June.

Senior Access Days (Will be discussed in Senior Webinar on Monday, May 11th at 7PM)

- Students will have access to drop off textbooks, pick up personal items in regular and PE lockers, pick-up cap and gown, yearbook, etc.
- By Counselor
 - Thursday, 5/14
 - Karwowski 9am-11pm
 - Ellis 11am-1pm
 - Gulden 1-3pm
 - O'Neill 3-5pm
 - Johnson 5-7pm
 - Friday, 5/15
 - Stearns 9am-11am
 - Samec 11am-1pm
 - Kowalczyk 1pm-3pm
 - Talbot 3-5pm
 - A make-up day will be provided to students who need books for AP exams
 - After 5/27 we will have dates set for underclassmen. We are first finalizing graduation plans in order to work around these dates.

Senior Month

With May being the traditional time for end of year events for Seniors, we will be dedicating the month of May to the Class of 2020.

Schedule

- Varsity Senior Athlete Recognition (All Month)
 - Our athletic teams will honor Senior Varsity athletes throughout the month via social media! Cross Country has already started!
- Senior Activity Recognition (All Month)
 - Same as above.
- Senior Commitment Recognition (All Month)
 - Our Guidance Department will be highlighting our seniors who have committed to the military, colleges, universities, trade schools etc. on social media!
- Athletic Signing Recognition
 - Terry is coordinating social media PR for the month.
- Senior Sign Day (May 7th)
- Senior Scholarship Caravan-May 13th (11a-1p)
 - We will be modifying our Senior Scholarship Night to a parade and recognition in front of student homes! Many thanks to Guidance for coordinating this!
- Graduation (see above)
- Prom Update (See above)

On behalf of the staff at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, we hope that everyone is safe and well. We look forward to seeing our seniors and senior families at the webinar on Monday!

Take care and GO CHARGERS!

Eric Olsen
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