July 6, 2020

Dear Hazel Park Families,

We are thinking of you during this unprecedented time in our nation’s history and we hope you are healthy and safe. We are looking forward to honoring our Hazel Park High School Class of 2020 graduates next month on August 6th. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some changes to the August 6th graduation, based on the current restrictions for crowds and gatherings in the State of Michigan.

Our original plan was based on the wishes of our students and families to have an in-person graduation ceremony as close to our traditional ceremony as possible. Now that we are a month away, we feel it would not be responsible to offer our traditional ceremony given the concern for our community’s health and well-being due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in Michigan and across our nation.

In keeping with our commitment to do everything we can as safely as possible we are still celebrating our graduates on the August 6th graduation date. Students and families will be sent a schedule showing an exact time to receive their diploma and have photos taken with the Board of Education, Superintendent, and building administration. The event will take place outdoors under a tent, rain or shine. Students will wear caps and gowns as they would in a traditional ceremony. All students will have a time slot assigned to them.

While we understand this is not the ideal situation, we are hopeful that this may provide a moment of recognition to our seniors and their families for all of their dedication and to celebrate the many accomplishments of our Viking graduates.

Respectfully,

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