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To our graduating seniors and their families:

Thank you to all who took the time to share their thoughts and choices regarding different graduation options presently under consideration. We received a total of 326 responses with a nearly even split between seniors and family members. The results clearly identified an interest in preserving a number of the practices that have become a hallmark of our school's commencement ceremonies. Ultimately, recognizing our graduates in some meaningful fashion resonated as a critical theme.

There was also a preference to somehow maintain an in-person event where we could all assemble and celebrate our graduates. We all share this desire. But we also know that we are presently confronting a crisis that rightfully demands that we maintain the safety of our community. Since the survey was issued, the state extended the present stay-at-home orders, and the Illinois State Board of Education issued then modified its guidance on graduation ceremonies. As Dr. Law stated in his update on the May 4 Board meeting, current stay-at-home orders and local municipal orders that direct whether gatherings can be held and the size of those gatherings mean that District 113 graduation ceremonies will be held virtually on the original dates for each school, June 2 for DHS. Since we honestly do not know if we will have this opportunity this summer, we at least will have had the chance to lift you up and recognize you as the outstanding and resilient class that you are. A class that will undoubtedly be remembered for what you have endured and overcome.

If there is a change to the stay-at-home orders and social distancing regulations that increases the number of people who may gather, we are working on a contingency plan to hold in July a Senior Celebration that would allow us to better celebrate the Class of 2020. We are working with the Village of Deerfield to ensure that potential options meet municipal requirements.

Knowing that the only certain option is a virtual graduation and needing to do what is right by our graduates, we will be celebrating our seniors over the next few weeks in a variety of ways. Please read through the following for more information.

Be well and stay safe fellow Warriors,
Kathryn Anderson, Principal

Class of 2020 Senior Celebrations & Graduation Announcements

Please see below for further details about each event



Deerfield High School

Highland Park High School

May 4-11	FREE Class of 2020 T-Shirt Orders
May 18	Honors Night Presentation
June 2	Virtual Graduation

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FREE Class of 2020 T-shirt Orders

We love our seniors, each Class of 2020 graduate is invited to order a free “WARRIOR Strong” t-shirt and have them mailed directly to you. [CLICK HERE](#) to order your shirt prior to May 11th. Additional options are available for purchase. The code for your free shirt is DHS2020.

Honors Night Presentation

Our traditional honors night presentation will be presented virtually. Honorees will be notified via email. The honors presentation will be posted to the DHS website on May 18.

Virtual Graduation

We will host a virtual graduation ceremony on June 2, our scheduled graduation day. While still in our planning, we expect to include a student commencement speaker, musical performances, presentation of awards, and the recognition of every one of our graduates as read aloud by Class Marshals - all historical components of a Deerfield High School commencement. Prior to the graduation ceremony, graduates will receive their cap and gown in the mail from Herff Jones. Medals and other awards will be delivered to student homes by the school.

Additional details and instructions will be shared with seniors and families in the coming weeks.

Other Senior Recognitions - Past, Current & Future for “WARRIOR Strong”

April 17 - #WarriorsBeTheLight

April - Parent Organizations (DHS Athletic Boosters, Deerfield Parent Network, Friends of the Arts and DHS PTO) sponsor Class of 2020 yard signs

April thru May - Various Athletic and Activity Senior Social Media Spotlights, DHS-TV video segments

May 4 to May 11 - Free senior t-shirts for all graduates (see above for link and code)

May - PTO [Buy a Brick](#) and [Tribute Cards](#)

May 8 - Virtual Athletic Signing Day

May 20 - Virtual Fine Arts Signing Day

May 18 to May 22 - Senior Week (more information to come...)

May (TBD) - DHS-TV News Senior Show

May (TBD) - Caps and Gowns delivered via mail; Medals and other awards also delivered to graduate homes

May (TBD) - Senior “WARRIOR Strong” banner posted at DHS with all graduate pictures

May (TBD) - Seniors receive their 4-year letter from Freshman Advisory

June 4 - Class of 2020 Tribute in Newspapers

Summer 2020 - AT&T Mural dedicated to Class of 2020 (after exposition, mural will be displayed at DHS)

Summer 2020 (TBD) - Yearbook Distribution (when able to be delivered to the school)

Thank you to all of our students and families for your own personal tributes to the Class of 2020!

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**Live the Warrior Way!
Go, Warriors!**