



## Superintendent Message - Graduation 2020

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## Ramapo Indian Hills Regional H.S. District

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Seniors,

I write to you with tremendous sadness and disappointment that we have just received notification from the State Department of Education that all in-person graduation ceremonies are prohibited this year and only virtual graduations are permissible. In an effort to protect the health and safety of the community during the COVID-19 emergency, the Governor has extended the Executive Order No. 107 (EO 107), signed on March 21, 2020, which prohibits gatherings of individuals for parties, celebrations, and other social events, and includes all in-person graduation ceremonies (see also [Administrative Order No. 2020-12](#) from Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, State Director of Emergency Management, signed May 8, 2020).

This, unfortunately, just adds to the unprecedented last few months we have experienced and extinguishes the glimmer of hope that our seniors and their families had for even a minimal celebration where everyone could be with their classmates, move their tassels, and toss their caps into the air. While it will not be the same as a virtual experience, we have contracted with Herff-Jones to assist us with putting together our virtual graduation with the hope of seniors having a remembrance of their beloved classmates and school.

Our high school principals have committees working on additional ideas to help make these last weeks of school special for our seniors. I am so sorry for our wonderful seniors who have given so much to our high schools during their four years with us. Their contributions in the classroom, on the athletic fields, band, art, debate, DECA, Academic Decathlon, and so many additional areas will

forever be remembered. The resilience of this amazing group will not be forgotten and it is my hope that we will all come out stronger on the other side.

We will all work together in the days ahead to get over yet another hurdle. I am so sorry for this disappointing news. My hope and prayer for all is good health during these difficult days.

Best regards,

Beverly MacKay

Superintendent of Schools

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