



Updated Graduation Information

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Ramapo Indian Hills Regional H.S. District

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Dear Ramapo Indian Hills Community Members,

There is no doubt that the landscape of the high school experience has been drastically altered by the social distancing regulations that have been enacted in order to curb the spread of Covid-19. In an effort to celebrate our seniors, we have spent the past couple of months engaged in parallel planning for multiple graduation scenarios. These plans included everything from our traditional structure, to hybrid formats with limited gathering sizes, to a virtual format that would be combined with drive-thru parade routes. However, Executive Order 107, which was effectuated on March 21, and clarified by Governor Murphy this past weekend, directly limits any graduation ceremony to a virtual-only format.

This news is certainly upsetting and is not the outcome that we want for our students as they near the end of their time at either Ramapo High School or Indian Hills High School. This is why, in addition to moving forward with our virtual graduation as a unique celebration of the occasion, **we will continue to plan for an in-person ceremony at a later date when the restrictions from this executive order have been lifted. We are looking to secure a tentative date for the end of July or early August and will be providing follow-up communication accordingly. We know our seniors deserve to be with their peers in the Class of 2020 one more time before heading off to college, university, or other post-secondary plans.**

In addition, both schools are working in partnership with our local municipalities and our associated parent groups and project graduation volunteers to organize community-wide acknowledgement of the class of 2020 as well as post-graduation celebrations to help offset the cancelation of the Senior

Proms. We are also working on many other end-of-year logistics for the distribution of caps and gowns, yearbooks, book returns, and the like. We will be following up with more specific information as these plans are crystalized.

We all understand that virtual experiences do not replace the real thing. As each week of this experience goes by, we grow more and more anxious to return to normal. Our students have been forced to experience something that we never had to in our youth. That's not what we want for them. However, having the privilege of working with these talented and creative young adults on a regular basis has led us to believe that we will be able to work together to honor their strength and resiliency. We greatly appreciate your partnership and support and look forward to the day we can celebrate our Class of 2020 in-person together.

Sincerely,

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Ramapo High School

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Indian Hills High School

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