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Dear LMHS Class of 2020 and Parents,

Scenario #3 (attached) has been chosen for Commencement of the Linn-Mar High School Class of 2020.

The inability for large gatherings to take place at this time and the serious questions about whether such large gatherings will be able to take place at any time during the summer led to this decision. We do not want to delay the event knowing that such an event will also not be able to take place this summer. We are now planning for graduation weekend to take place on May 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Most of our Class of 2020 will complete course work for high school next week. They deserve honor, celebration, and closure to their high school careers. We also want to allow time for students and families to make any needed arrangements regarding when the Conferring of Diplomas will take place for each student.

On May 12 (tomorrow), we plan to release the date and time the Conferring of Diplomas will take place for each student. Attached is a more detailed description of the Conferring of Diplomas segment of the Commencement ceremony in which all students will participate. We will continue to provide more reminders regarding the Conferring of Diplomas through graduation weekend.

A reminder that specific information will also be sent this week regarding computer, charger, books, uniforms, equipment, and materials drop off which takes place on Wednesday, May 20, in the Pride Rock Commons (door #3 area). I also believe the 'Post Prom' prize giveaway pickup, should you be selected, will also be joining us on May 20.

It was nice to see most members of the Class of 2020 today (about 481 of 500) picking up caps and gowns for graduation. (We will be back at the stadium from 12:00-2:00 p.m. tomorrow for the remaining students who still need to pick up your cap-gown). Our focus is now to make the wearing of this attire for the Conferring of Diplomas, having each graduate's name read, walking the stage, and receiving the diploma a special moment for each of our graduates and families.

Today was a reminder of just how nice and accomplished the students are in the LMHS Class of 2020. You have been challenged, disappointed, and forced to handle a lot of uncertainty recently. In less than two weeks you will graduate from LMHS. It is a milestone for each of you, and it represents a transition to the opportunities that await following high school. No matter how each of you may feel at this time, I do want a 'moment' for every one of you to feel pride and honor in your accomplishment as well as the feeling of pride exuding from those closest to you. This is our goal for your Commencement.

Be well, 2020, and Congratulations.

Jeff Gustason
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