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Good Afternoon DHS Community:

I hope that everyone had a wonderful week! How amazing was it to see the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds fly over our community yesterday afternoon! The show of support for the first responders and medical staff on the front lines has been incredible. I hope that everyone who knows someone in these professions has reached out to thank them for everything they are doing to keep us all safe! As the parks and golf courses open this weekend, please be sure to continue to observe social distancing guidelines, as they have proven to be the best solution to this awful virus.

This week, all students in Grades 9-11 were sent a Google Form to be completed for Summer Reading. [HERE](#) is a list of the selections for this year. I have personally read all but two of the titles and thoroughly enjoyed each and every one. Please discuss your child's selection and ensure that it is completed. We will reach out to all students who have not completed the task in the coming weeks. If you have a concern about purchasing the book, please reach out to me directly and I can provide some assistance.

Throughout this distance learning, a great number of obstacles have been placed in both your children's as well as the teacher's way. I am very proud of the entire DHS community for rising above it all and truly making this a success. I wish to personally thank Mr. Austin Martinez and the entire Yearbook staff for completing the book under tough conditions. The leadership shown by the students in the class was exceptional. I look forward to viewing the book when it arrives in June. Also, the school newspaper, under the direction of Mrs. Amy Sepesi, produced an issue devoted to Covid-19 and its effect on the students. [HERE](#) is the Covid-19 issue of *The Bear Facts*. I invite you all to read how this is truly affecting your children from the young adult point of view.

Last week, I discussed the community service requirement and that we will be extending the deadline until October 31, 2020. [HERE](#) is a Google Form for your child to submit his/her community service if it has not been completed. Thank you for your attention to this pivotal part of the Delran High School experience.

I received communication from Senator Troy Singleton's office from the Burlington County Historical Society. They are compiling stories for future generations regarding the pandemic and I thought that your child may wish to contribute. [HERE](#) is more information if you or your child is interested.

There is a great deal of information coming out of the Guidance Department including very important information regarding SATs, SAT/ACT Prep Courses, and information regarding a virtual conference and college fair. The information can be found [HERE](#). This is especially important for all parents of children in the Class of 2021.

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Education approved the following recommendation from Dr. Brotschul regarding our Graduation plan and subsequent contingencies:

- Primary Graduation Date: June 19, 2020 Location: Joseph Chinnici Field, Delran High School Time: 7:00 pm
- Backup Graduation Date #1: July 24, 2020 Location: Joseph Chinnici Field, Delran High School Time: 7:00 pm

- Backup Graduation Date #2: July 31, 2020 Location: Joseph Chinnici Field, Delran High School Time: 7:00 pm
- Backup Graduation Date #3: May 27, 2021 Location: Joseph Chinnici Field, Delran High School Time: 7:00 pm

We will continue to examine the direction from the Governor regarding our course of action as it relates to Graduation dates. Having said that, if it appears that an August date may be conducive for a Graduation event, we will advise accordingly.

Our traditional Academic Awards Evening and Scholarship Night will be incorporated into the graduation ceremony as has been done in the past. It is important that all of these students be recognized publicly for their accomplishments! All underclassmen will receive their awards when we return to school.

The Board of Education also approved the following recommendation from Dr. Brotschul regarding our Prom plan and subsequent contingencies:

- Primary Prom Date: May 29, 2020 Location: Lucien's Manor – 81 West White Horse Pike – Berlin, NJ 08009 Time: 7:00 pm
- Backup Prom Date #1: July 23, 2020 Location: Lucien's Manor – 81 West White Horse Pike – Berlin, NJ 08009 Time: 7:00 pm
- Backup Prom Date #2: July 30, 2020 Location: Lucien's Manor – 81 West White Horse Pike – Berlin, NJ 08009 Time: 7:00 pm

Lastly, we are attempting to locate children who live in Delran and are eligible for entrance into Kindergarten for the September 2020-2021 school year. Children who will be five (5) years of age ON OR BEFORE October 1, 2020 may be enrolled in Kindergarten. The first phase of the registration process for incoming students is being conducted remotely. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to begin the registration process.

I look forward to the day when we can all return and I have my entire DHS family together again. As we learn more about the reopening of New Jersey, I will be sure that everyone is made aware of how this affects your child and his/her education. Most importantly, please stay safe!

With Bear Pride and Spirit,
Daniel S. Finkle
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