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Good Afternoon DHS Community:

I am sure that Monday's announcement from the Governor affected you as much as it did me. Deep down I thought that this would be his decision; however, I was holding out hope that we would again return to our home at DHS. I know how hard this has been on your children and you as well, and I cannot thank you enough for being our partners. A majority of the students have been completing their work each and every day and for that I am appreciative. As I have said to students that I have spoken to over the past few weeks, we are still "in school" even if it is not in person.

The District has been working on the next phase of our school year (Phase 3) for the past couple of weeks just in case the Governor did in fact close the schools for the remainder of the academic year. I will relay all of that information to you over the next couple of weeks so that we are all prepared to follow the protocols to ensure everyone's safety and make the process run smoothly.

Please understand much of our work moving forward in order to close out the remainder of the school year requires articulation with local, county, and state entities in order to ensure the health and safety of our students and essential workers is maintained.

And now, let's talk about good news! I am also pleased to announce the Students of the Month for both March and April!

- **Temesgen Armstrong** (nominated by Mrs. Mason): Temesgen is a young man who has earned top grades and has helped others in his class to succeed. He performed exceptionally well in the Science League and has continued to excel throughout the distance learning. Congratulations Temesgen!
- **Brenda DePaula** (nominated by Mrs. McVay and Mrs. Flomo): Brenda is an industrious student who puts maximum effort into all of her assignments. Throughout distance learning, she has gone the extra mile to ensure that her work is detailed and of similar quality as if she were doing face-to-face instruction. Great job Brenda!
- **Madison Grady** (nominated by Mrs. Rau): Madison has earned top marks throughout the school year, overcoming many obstacles. The effort that she has shown has been exceptional, seeking support when needed and always striving for success. She is a leader and embodies the true meaning of being a Delran Bear! Congratulations Madison!
- **Sera Lukens** (nominated by Mr. Rood-Ojalvo): Sera has excelled in her Intro to Computer Programming course, exceeding the expectations set. She has completed all of the work for the school year in the course curriculum already and continues to learn another computer language (Python) with her time! Great effort Sera!

Progress reports will be available on the Parent Portal tomorrow morning. It is important for you, especially in these times, to keep up to date with your child's progress. [HERE](#) is a link to the Parent Portal. If you have any questions about your log-in, please email Denise Stellwag at [dstellwag@delranschools.org](mailto:dstellwag@delranschools.org) or Jenny Schenski at [jschenski@delranschools.org](mailto:jschenski@delranschools.org). Should you have a question about an individual grade, please reach out directly to your child's teacher for an explanation.

For those of you who have not yet purchased a yearbook, the 2019-2020 **DELRAN HIGH SCHOOL** [yearbook](#) is still available! During these unprecedented times, why not capture your child's unforgettable memories with the 2020 yearbook. Since copies are limited, we ask that you place your yearbook order [HERE](#). Yearbooks should be in by early June and we will communicate how students will receive their book of memories. For the Class of

2020, we will also be publishing an addendum to the yearbook which will include pictures from the Senior Trip and your Graduation ceremony! These will be mailed to you in the fall when they arrive.

Another opportunity for our students has been announced. The National Federation of High Schools is offering an SAT tutoring prep course! Due to remote learning, Juniors who will be taking the SATs or ACTs in the fall might think about honing their skills! [HERE](#) is more information on the program.

On Tuesday evening, all High Schools in the BCSL honored the Class of 2020 by turning on lights at their venues at 8:20:20 (20:20:20). [HERE](#) is a photo of the love and support show to this wonderful group of individuals by the county.

Every week when I sit down to compose this correspondence, I am always a bit sad. I truly miss the student and the teachers each and every day. After speaking with many students and teachers, they miss school as well. Our school building houses our Delran High School family every day, and being remote hurts every day too. I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy.

If there is ANYTHING that you need, now is not the time to hold back. I am here to serve the students and families of Delran so if there is something that I can do to help you, please let me know.

With Bear Pride and Spirit,

*Daniel S. Finkle*

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