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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2020,

I am writing to update you regarding Commencement for the Class of 2020. On Friday evening, the New Jersey Department of Education established guidance for celebrations, specifically offering direction regarding Commencement for the Class of 2020. The Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police followed suit on Saturday reinforcing the message from the Department of Education and forbidding any parade or gathering.

Executive Order No. 104 (EO 104), implements aggressive social distancing measures to mitigate further spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey and Executive Order No. 107 (EO 107), prohibits gatherings of individuals for parties, celebrations, and other social events, which includes all in-person graduation ceremonies. Since the Executive Orders will remain in effect until further notice, only virtual graduation ceremonies can be planned at this time.

In concert with our approved Commencement plans and subsequent contingency plans, this means that Delran High School students will not have an in person Commencement on June 19, 2020. We remain hopeful that with continued social distancing that we can have a Commencement ceremony in the coming months in alignment with our contingency planning once Executive Order No. 104 and No. 107 are lifted.

In order to have a student voice in our recognition plans for the Class of 2020, I will be consulting and meeting with the student government leaders in the coming days to identify ways to honor the Class of 2020 that meets their liking in advance of an in-person ceremony.

This Wednesday, May 13th, DHS personnel will be placing yard signs on your lawn to honor each graduate!

Certainly, more details will follow. I appreciate your patience and understanding.

With Bear Pride and Spirit,  
*Daniel S. Finkle*  
Principal