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Dear Class of 2020 Students and Families,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to update you on our plans for a graduation ceremony. As New York State enters phase II of reopening, we are hopeful that we can celebrate our graduates in a ceremony that is as close to traditional as possible. Our seniors have expressed the desire to have a live, in-person event, and we would like to do our best to honor this request. With this in mind, we plan to postpone the ceremony with the possibility of an either an on campus or drive-in theater ceremony during the month of July.

We have also received some questions regarding the baccalaureate ceremony that has been traditionally held before graduation at one of the local churches. It is our understanding that there is consideration of a virtual ceremony, but at this time, no decision has been made.

Finally, we do not have any updated information about yearbooks and estimated arrival time. Once we have this information, we will work with the students to distribute them and provide options for yearbook signing within social distancing guidelines at that time.

As we wrap up the year, please continue to check your email regularly for updates. We understand that with the continued uncertainty, there are still many questions. Although dates have not been determined, we will have these events as soon as we are authorized to do so. As we receive more information, guidelines, and finalize dates, we will contact you for your planning purposes.

Our soon-to-be graduates are in our thoughts daily. We are tremendously proud of the resilience, perseverance, and flexibility that they have shown. We appreciate the continued patience and understanding of both students and families. We continue to monitor the situation and guidelines daily and hope to be in touch with you soon with our plans to celebrate our graduates.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julie A. Adams'.

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