May 1, 2020

Dear Members of the Class of 2020, Parents, and Guardians,

This week has brought many questions and concerns about recognition and celebration for the North Quincy High School and Quincy High School Class of 2020. Thanks to the support of Mayor Koch and Mark Carey from the Mayor’s Office, NQHS Principal Robert Shaw, QHS Principal Lawrence Taglieri, and I have begun to plan a virtual graduation ceremony to be broadcast and streamed on Monday, June 8 for Quincy High School graduates and families and on Tuesday, June 9 for North Quincy High School graduates and families. The intent is for families to have something to view together to mark the day of the scheduled graduation ceremony and provide a permanent remembrance of these unique circumstances.

A virtual ceremony cannot replace the traditional graduation at Veterans Stadium enjoyed in previous years, but it gives Quincy Public Schools the opportunity to celebrate the Class of 2020 and all of their accomplishments. The virtual ceremony does not preclude Quincy Public Schools from recognizing our Class of 2020 in person at a later date if safety allows. If at all possible, a traditional graduation ceremony and other senior events will be held during the summer to give the Class of 2020 the sendoff that we all wish we could have in June.

Thank you for your patience as we work together to navigate these uncertain times. I hope you and your families are all well.

Take care,

Richard DeCristofaro, Ed.D.
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