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## Attention Parents/Guardians of 8th Graders:

We are excited to announce that Gloversville Middle School will be hosting an 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony this year to recognize the efforts of the future members of the GHS graduating class of 2025 and celebrate their moving on to 9th grade! Promotion will be held on Thursday, June 24th at 6:00 PM

We very much want parents and family members to be able to join us as we celebrate and honor the Class of 2025. In order to comply with the current health and safety mandates and allow family and friends to attend the ceremony, we will be conducting promotion outside on our campus, utilizing the track for graduates and staff, and the accompanying bleachers for family members, weather permitting. By conducting the ceremony outside, we will be able to allow up to 500 spectators to attend the event. The exact number of guests allowed for each student will depend on the final number of students who earn promotion to 9th grade. At this time, we are certain each student will be able to bring at least two guests to the ceremony and based on our best current projections, we estimate that each student will likely be able to bring three family members and/or friends to the ceremony. We will announce a definitive number of allowed guests per student once we calculate final course averages and students participating in the ceremony will then be given their allotment of tickets at the rehearsal for promotion at 1:00 PM on the afternoon of June 24th.

As stated above, the outdoor ceremony is contingent on the weather forecast for the evening of June 24th. If, due to inclement weather or some other unforeseen issue, we are unable to conduct the ceremony outside, we will hold promotion in the GMS auditorium. Unfortunately, if promotion is forced inside, we will not be able to allow any family or friends to attend the ceremony. Instead of spectators, we would record the ceremony and post it for viewing via the GESD webpage.

GESD Administration will make the final determination regarding where the ceremony will be conducted, based on the weather conditions and forecasts prior to rehearsal on June 24th. We will announce the decision via social media, the GESD webpage, all-call, and email in addition to notifying the students at rehearsal.

Students who do not earn academic promotion to 9th grade will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Parents of those students will be notified, once we have final grades, by phone call on the evening of June 23rd and morning of June 24th. Students who are participating in the ceremony will need to attend rehearsal at 1:00 PM on June 24th and will report to the cafeteria when they arrive at GMS.

If anyone has any questions, please contact the GMS office at 775-5720 or the 8th grade counseling office at 775-5720 ext. 2072. Please stay tuned for more information and updates as we have them. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we try to provide an event that family and friends can attend to properly celebrate the achievement of our students.

Sincerely

Mark Batty - GMS Principal