



Morris Elementary School District #54

Inspiring Excellence In Every Child Every Day

May 5, 2020

Dear 8th Grade Students and Families:

Let me start off by saying how proud I am of the Class of 2020. This has been a year like no other and I will remember this class since they are the first group of students I have seen completely through Jr High during my time as principal. We want to do our best to honor them in the most deserving way possible, while following the guidelines and parameters placed on us by the current situation we find ourselves in. Here is what we have planned to end your year:

- Friday, May 15th- Last Day of Remote Learning for 8th Graders
- Monday, May 18th- Graduate Deliveries
 - Staff will deliver yard signs and gowns to each graduate while following appropriate social distancing guidelines
- Thursday, July 30th- 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony (Goold Park)*

*If the State of Illinois has lifted the social distancing restrictions in a manner that allows for such a gathering. If social distancing restrictions are still in place on July 30th, then an alternative plan that involves walking across the stage, receiving a diploma and family pictures will be done in place of this ceremony. We will keep students and families informed of these plans as we get closer to the date. Our hope is to have the in-person ceremony if at all possible. We hope that this unique ceremony will be a fitting conclusion to their academic careers at District 54.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we navigate through this unique time in our school's history. If you have any questions moving forward please feel free to contact our office Monday-Friday between 8am-12 noon.

Sincerely,
Mr. David C. Raffel jr.
Morris Grade School Principal