



Dear R-B Seniors and families,

I hope all is well with you and your family. Our goal over the past several months was to honor and recognize your academic and educational achievements. The senior award ceremony provided a lasting memory of scholarship awards, community service recognition and school accomplishments. The "Senior Appreciation Parade" provided opportunities for students to say good-bye to their teachers and see friends after the long quarantine.

As the state moved into phase 4 of the reopening plan, groups of 50 people could meet. Unfortunately, the state, nor on a larger scale, the country, can have groups over 50 people. The limit on 50 people in one location poses insurmountable challenges for our graduation tradition which includes the entire community. As much as we would like to hold an in person graduation, the limit on the number of people in one area does not provide the ceremony that you deserve.

We would like to offer an opportunity to get your picture taken in your cap and gown with your family members.

**The photo opportunity will take place on Saturday, August 1 from 8 am to Noon, weather permitting. The time slots are:**

8:00 – 9:00 am	Last name A-F
9:00 – 10:00 am	Last name G-L
10:00 – 11:00 am	Last name M-R
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Last name begins with S-Z

**At 1:00 pm the Virtual Graduation will begin. A link will be provided.**

Students will have the option of bringing up to four family members for the photo opportunity. Families will be asked to remain in their vehicles until they approach the front of that building. Students will have the opportunity for an individual photo as well as a photo with family members. Once the photos are complete, families will be asked to return to their vehicles and exit the parking lot.

As we approach the event, additional logistics and visual aids will be provided to families.

While we understand these are not the graduation ceremonies any of us imagined, we hope that the combination of our events can provide some memories that may last a life time.

Sincerely,

District 157 Leadership Team