Dear Families of the Class of 2020,

We have finally arrived at the pinnacle of our school year – the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2020! The forecast looks like a perfect sunny day for our outdoor ceremony with mild temperatures and no rain. I am so pleased that we are able to offer a live, in person, graduation for our Class of 2020 but do ask that we are respectful of social distancing and wearing of facemasks to insure a safe and healthy event. We have worked with the Winchendon Board of Health and will follow the Massachusetts guidelines for graduations in order to hold the safest possible event.

Graduates are asked to arrive at 4:15 in the Murdock High School parking lot with their caps, gowns and facemasks. There were two information sessions for graduates held earlier this week; for those who were not able to attend, there is now a slide presentation available in the Google Classroom for the Class of 2020.

Registered guests are asked to arrive at 4:30 in the Memorial School parking lot, only registered guests will be allowed entry to the graduation ceremony. There are a few details registered guests should know prior to arriving. First, the graduation ceremony will take place on the Murdock football field where you will find clearly designated areas for families strategically placed in a horseshoe shape around the graduates providing excellent line of sight for everyone. There is ample space in each designated area for up to four family members along with reasonable folding/lawn chairs or blankets. However, there is not room for any type of pop-up canopies or tents and the mild weather should limit the need for umbrellas. We ask that registered guests use the walkway leading up to the ticket booth maintaining social distance to check in and immediately proceed to the designated family area.

Masks are required until all in attendance are seated; once everyone is seated including graduates and family masks may be removed. Additionally, masks will be provided to graduates, hand sanitizer will be readily available and antibacterial wipes will be available on stage when there is a transition between speakers. A very important note for everyone in attendance is there will be NO BATHROOM facilities available; this decision was made in order to provide the safest possible environment and limit cross contamination possibilities.

We are truly excited to be able to offer this live graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments together tomorrow!

Below you will find a general procedure for your arrival.

Respectfully,
Thad King

- Arrive for the Graduation Ceremony at 4:30
- Park in the Memorial School parking lot
- Remain in your cars if arriving prior to 4:30
- Please wear facemasks upon exiting cars until at your family location on the football field
- Enter through the walkway that leads to the ticket booth
- Please maintain social distancing as marked on the walkway
- Check-in at the ticket booth (only registered guests will be allowed entry)
- Proceed to an available and clearly designated area on the field
- Designated areas are limited to immediate family members
- Designated areas are not assigned
- Once all attendees and graduates have entered the field, masks may be removed