



MILTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2020
4.29.20



TWO PART GRADUATION CEREMONY

Part I - National Anthem, Music Selection and Speeches (Recorded in advance)

National Anthem, Music Selection and Speeches will be aired on 6/7 at 12:30pm

Part II - Caravan/Parade Style Diploma Pick up on Sunday, June 7th at 2:00pm

Staggered times every half hour (Steady Flow)

Diploma Distribution, Pictures and Declaration of Graduation

Live Streaming

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STUDENT AND FAMILY SENTIMENTS

Frustration

Disappointment

Anger

Sense of loss

Relief

Understanding

Elation



CONCERNS - LET THEM WALK!

Students worked hard, they deserve to walk

Students should be able to get together; this is the last time they will be together as a class

This is not fair – they should be able to share their experience with their friends

The Administration just does not want to be inconvenienced during the summer

Can you have students/parents sign an affidavit stating students are well and agree to terms

The seniors have worked hard, they deserve a graduation



WHY CAN'T STUDENTS MAKE THE DECISION?

Students are not considering pre-existing health challenges of their peers

Students are not privy to the health challenges of others' immediate family members

Students are not privy to the health challenges of our faculty & students

Individual students are not responsible for the safety and well-being of graduation participants

Student emotions are guiding their stance

This is a National Health Crisis - Pandemic



DISPELLING RUMORS

Students worked hard for nothing

Administration and faculty do not care

Students are not being honored

Administration does not care what the students feel or think

Why didn't you survey students and let them decide - Pandemic/National Health Crisis

We have not considered options



WHY CAN'T YOU BE CREATIVE?

Drive In Theatres (Wellfleet, Leicester, Mendon, Northfield)

Houghton's Pond - Renting a large Screen

Gillette Stadium

Blue Hills Parkway

Brook's Field

Later Date - July or August



CHALLENGES WITH A LATER DATE...

Safety of graduation participants - Seniors and immediate family members with compromised health conditions

No guarantee we can gather in large crowds with the proper safety measures

Lost opportunity for some students

Students may be leaving for college, military and other opportunities

We will need the appropriate screening mechanisms (Thermo Screeners, Electrostatic Sprayers, Mask, ect.)

Fiscal Year closes out on June 30th

We'll be planning for the re-opening of the new school year

Summer months may “slow down” the spread but may not stop it



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

May 1, 2020 – College Decision

May 22, 2020 – Last day of Classes

June 2, 2020 – Senior Awards Night

June 3, 2020 – Boosters Banquet

June 4, 2020 – Prom

June 5, 2020 – Senior Breakfast

June 7, 2020 – Graduation



WHY THIS DECISION NOW?

Governor extended the “Stay at Home” order until May 18th

MA has the 3rd most cases in the entire country (behind NY and NJ)

This proposal is inclusive - everyone has the option to participate

Non Essential Businesses and Workers are still not open/working

Even if things open up in July or August, they’ve announced social gathering restrictions

Alternative to a complete Virtual Graduation

This was the original date that all planned on and communicated that they can make it



CHANGES - NOT JUST MHS GRADUATION?

Emergency Rooms/Hospital Visits

Hotels/Restaurants/Grocery Stores

Non Essential Businesses - Closed

Transportation - Restricted Hours, Restricted Travel

Professional Sports/2020 Summer Olympics

Disney World – 2nd time time in history of being closed

Colleges and Universities

Funeral/Weddings/Births



KEY COMPONENTS OF A GRADUATION

Graduation is on the same day - Outside Graduation

Students get to hear the speeches - We have a plan to include more voices

Students get their caps, gowns and stoles

Diploma distribution

Family Engagement

The event will be streamed live for any and all spectators from any device

The procession/recession are still in place



OTHERS WAYS TO HONOR STUDENTS

Senior Photo Banners Displayed on Canton Ave

Senior - Family Cookout/Gathering in the Fall (If permitted by the experts)

Honoring seniors during the Annual Thanksgiving Day Football Game

Time Capsule - Parent Initiated and purchased



WHAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME?

Flexibility

Creativity

Understanding

Adaptability

Resiliency

Perseverance



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MPS Superintendent

MPD Chief of Police

MFD Fire Chief

MPS School Committee

Milton Health Director

MHS Administration

MHS Faculty & Staff

MHS Custodian Staff

MHS Student Government Advisers

MHS Senior Class Adviser

Milton Access Cable

MHS Boosters

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