May 13, 2020

Dear Schreiber Parents,

First and foremost, congratulations on your soon-to-be graduate. This is an exciting time, not just for your child, but for parents as well. We understand that both you and your graduating senior are anxiously anticipating information regarding celebrations for Schreiber’s Class of 2020. We would like to say thank you to those of you who have shared your creative ideas and brought to our attention the many different virtual and drive-by celebratory concepts being implemented throughout the country.

The Board of Education, central administration and our high school administrators are in the process of organizing logistics—which are subject to change by state and local directives—to preserve the Class of 2020’s celebrations to the greatest extent possible. It is important to note that we must adhere to the Governor’s executive orders regarding social distancing and regional and county guidelines for re-opening New York. Right now, large gatherings, even with social distancing measures, are not legally permitted, and it is for this reason the district cannot pursue an in-person graduation ceremony this year. Should the state lift its restrictions, we will revisit our plans.

Within the next few weeks, we expect to have finalized logistics on plans to honor the Class of 2020’s graduation and will share that information with you as soon as possible.

These are certainly complicated times, with COVID-19 having an ever-changing and unprecedented impact on our communities, our families and our loved ones. What is not complicated is the care and compassion we have for our students and our deep, abiding respect for the Port Washington community. We are committed to working with our parents and students to find a creative way of celebrating our 2020 graduating seniors as they conclude one milestone and look forward to beginning the next exciting stage of their lives.

Should you have any specific concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the High School Principal, Dr. Ira Pernick, at ipernick@portnet.org.

Be well and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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