June 12, 2020

Dear Class of 2020 students and families:

We thank you for your continued understanding during this unprecedented time. Due to Governor Phil Murphy’s announcement regarding outdoor graduation ceremonies, we are now allowed to plan a ceremony that would accommodate up to 500 attendees. Therefore, Atlantic City High School will honor the Class of 2020 during a modified in-person graduation ceremony on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at the Dr. Jack Eisenstein Athletic Complex at Atlantic City High School. To accommodate our graduates, students will be divided into three groups and graduates are allowed to invite two guests.

Please note that we must adhere to state guidelines as outlined in Governor Murphy’s Executive Order pertaining to graduations. The details are as follows:

- **Last Name (A-G) - Ceremony 1 - Time - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** (Arrival Time: 9:30 AM)
- **Last Name (H-O) - Ceremony 2 - Time - 12:30 PM-2:00 PM** (Arrival Time: 12:00 PM)
- **Last Name (P-Z) - Ceremony 3 - Time - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM** (Arrival Time: 2:30 PM)
- **Total Attendees: Ceremony 1 - Graduates (135) + Guests (270) = 405**
- **Total Attendees: Ceremony 2 - Graduates (131) + Guests (262) = 393**
- **Total Attendees: Ceremony 3 – Graduates (129) + Guests (258) = 387**
- Staff will be limited to not exceed the maximum capacity of 500 attendees
- All graduates will report to the gymnasium upon arrival – guests will report to the football field
- Although the graduation is divided, each ceremony will be recorded and combined into one video; the full ceremony will be available on the website at a later date
- Each ceremony will be streamed live so additional guests may view it online
- Guests will remain six feet apart at all times, excluding immediate family, while sitting in the bleachers and walking; graduates’ chairs will be placed on the football field spaced six feet apart
- Seats will be disinfected in between each ceremony
- Face coverings are required for all attendees
- Tickets will be picked up on June 17th; guests must present their ticket upon entering the parking lot
- Water stations will be available for guests
- Everyone is encouraged to decorate their vehicles to commemorate the occasion
- A video will be created to include special speeches from students and staff
- A photograph will be taken of each graduate on stage
- **Rain Date: July 9, 2020**
- **Check the website for updates**
- Visit [https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/boardops/commencement.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/boardops/commencement.shtml) for more information regarding modified in-person graduations
Reminder

- **Wednesday, June 17**th, seniors will pick up caps and gowns, honor stoles, diplomas, yearbooks, and senior gifts
- **Arrival Time**- Last Name (A-L) 9:00 AM-11:00 AM; Last Name (M-Z) 12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Families and graduates, again, we thank you for your continued resiliency and flexibility. In the future, we hope to plan a meet & greet for graduates to sign yearbooks and say farewell to teachers and friends. We look forward to honoring the Class of 2020!

**Viking Pride! Viking Strong!**

Yours in Education,

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