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Dear students and families,

We are excited to share information about the Skowhegan Area High School Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony. We will be holding our ceremony on Sunday, June 6 at 1:00 pm. Due to this year's pandemic situation, we are planning to hold this year's ceremony outside on the football field which is located behind the high school. If the weather will not allow for an outdoor event, we will hold the ceremony in the high school gymnasium; the ceremony will be live streamed to our auditorium.

We have created some guidelines that we ask you to follow to make this day a positive experience for all students and families.

- On the football field, we will mark out 10' by 10' squares which will become your family's space. We will ensure each family space is located 6' apart from others.
- To be fair to all families, we will work with our class officers and class advisor to randomly select family spaces. Prior to graduation, we will share family space numbers and information with graduates and families. We will have ushers on site to assist families in locating their family space.
- Families will need to bring their own chairs and/or blankets as seating for their family space.
- Our graduates will be seated in the home bleachers facing the field.
- Handicapped parking and viewing areas will be available on the field level. Please contact the school to reserve a handicap parking space. Your name will be placed on a list for graduation day.
- We will allow individuals to move outside of their family space to take pictures. Please be mindful and respectful of others and their viewing and return to your family pod quickly after you have taken your photo.
- Portable restroom facilities will be available on both sides of the football field.
- Families will need to bring their own water. We will have trash cans and recycling receptacles available throughout the space and ask that families assist in picking up their family area at the conclusion of the ceremony.
- Each graduate will receive a total of (10) tickets. The tickets will be three different colors which represent (4) gym tickets, (2) auditorium tickets, and (4) outdoor only tickets. If the ceremony is held outside, all 10 tickets will be accepted at the entry gates. If we must move inside due to inclement weather, the (4) gym and (2) auditorium tickets will be honored.
- Our intent is to hold graduation on the football field; however, this is weather dependent. A final decision regarding graduation will be made on Saturday, June 5 at 3:00. We will message graduates and their families by text and email alert as to whether commencement will be on the football field or gymnasium/auditorium.
- Requirements for facemasks will follow Maine Department of Education guidelines which are subject to change and also depend upon the graduation location. Detailed mask guidelines will be released on Saturday, June 5 at 3:00.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and flexibility regarding the Class of 2021 Commencement. Should you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the SAHS administrative team and please be on the lookout for further information/communication regarding graduation.

Kind regards,

The SAHS Administrative Team