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Dear Class of 2020 and Families,

In anticipation of the CDC and Governor Mills expanding social gatherings to 50 or fewer on June 1 and after consulting with students about how best to honor and promote the class of 2020, and after considering several options, we have elected to hold an in person graduation in June. This graduation ceremony will follow CDC guidance of maintaining six feet social distancing and keeping our gathering to fewer than 50 people in each identified space. We have a plan that will allow each senior the moment they have worked so hard for in an intimate setting with their families close by.

Graduation will be hosted at Skowhegan Area High School on Saturday, June 20, in our gymnasium. Graduation speeches will be pre-recorded and posted online prior to graduation. Each family may have up to 7 people attend the graduation ceremony; this includes the graduate. Students and families will arrive at SAHS at a predetermined time and park their vehicle where ushered to do so. Students and their families will remain in their vehicles until prompted to enter the building one family at a time. Face Coverings are required by all who enter the building. Please know the graduate may remove their face covering on stage for photos. Six families will enter the lobby in this manner. Once in the school's lobby, families will be directed to one of six stations that are greater than six feet apart and watch the promotion of six students being live-streamed from the gym to the lobby. Students and their families will then be ushered into the gym. Once in the gym, students will move from station to station before being called to the stage two at a time to collect their diploma, pose for photos, and turn their tassel. Upon rejoining their family, graduates and families will remain in the gym to watch others in their time slot graduate. Families will then exit the gym to the student parking lot, return to their vehicles and continue off campus making room for other families. The entire ceremony will be recorded, graduation speeches will be added, and we will share a finished production of graduation with our students and families.

Graduation signups - The class of 2020 will be broken into 14 half-hour time blocks split into a morning session, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and an afternoon session from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Students who wish to coordinate with a group of friends (up to six students) may do so, but it is not necessary.

Starting on 6/1 seniors need to call SAHS at 474-5511 between the hours of 7:00am and 2:30pm and communicate if they wish to participate in graduation or not. At this time, students should also identify a pre-organized group of students that wish to graduate together (no more than 6 in a group). To ensure accuracy we will need confirmation from all members of the group. Graduation sign-ups will end on 6/5. SAHS staff will take all student requests into consideration and build a schedule to honor the student requests as best we can. We aspire to announce graduation times, for each graduate, by 6/10. Students who are not in attendance can receive their diploma starting on Monday, June 22; those students will need to contact the school to make arrangements for pick-up.

Finally, we respectfully request each family follow the established guidelines we have set forth to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience. Prior to graduation, a detailed procedure will be sent out to students and families.

Please reach out and connect with us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Mr. Mochamer, Mr. Bellerose, and Mr. Vigue
