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May 5, 2020

Dear Class of 2020 Parents/Students,

We are encouraged by the recent news from our Governor that stages have been identified to safely reopen Indiana and get back on track to as normal of a work and lifestyle schedule as possible. With this encouraging news, we are pleased to provide the following communication on commencement plans for LaPorte High School's Class of 2020 and information on picking up cap/gown orders.

Commencement is scheduled for July 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Field. The weather back up day will be July 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Field.

We are optimistic that the ceremony will retain as many of the characteristics of a traditional ceremony as possible while also recognizing the impact the coronavirus and social distancing has on large group gatherings. As of this date, we can confirm that the ceremony will take place outside and our seniors will be walking across the stage to receive their diplomas. We also know that the service will be modified for safety to comply with social distancing measures. We will continue to monitor the guidelines provided to us by our state and local health departments regarding social distancing and plan to provide details regarding the permitted number of guest tickets per graduate in early June. As in the past, the ceremony will be streamed live by the LaPorte Slicer Network.

I look forward to planning this special event and being able to celebrate the Class of 2020 with you in July. I will be providing more details as plans come together.

Relatedly, Herff Jones will be handing out previously ordered caps/gowns at LaPorte High School on Thursday, May 14 2:00-6:00 p.m. in the "F" St. Parking Lot.

2:00-4:00 p.m. Last Names A-L

4:00-6:00 p.m. Last Names M-Z

The event will be curb style delivery and contact-free. Students/parents will simply drive to the **"F" St. Parking Lot** and follow the directions. Students/parents will stay in the car and Herff Jones will hand the order through the window following acceptable safety measures. The school will also be handing out a yard sign to each senior as a token of appreciation and celebration. If you have not placed your order, students/parents can order in a couple different ways:

Call the Herff Jones office number at 574-583-3420. Go online to www.kingsley-inc.com to click on the graduation accessory button. Mail the order form with check or money order to Kingsley, Inc. PO Box 747 Monticello, IN 47960.

Go Slicers!

Ben Tonagel

