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To the Parents/Guardians of the New Brighton High School Class of 2020:

We hope this letter finds you and your families doing well in what has proven to be one of the most difficult situations that our Country has ever faced. As we all know, nothing has been “normal” during the past two months and it is unfortunate that the COVID-19 virus has made planning for this year’s graduation abnormal as well.

I would like to stress that we have made every attempt to keep New Brighton’s graduation as close to the long-standing tradition it has historically been, however, there have been changes that have needed to be made in order to comply with our Governor’s mandates, maintaining social distancing, and adhering to the rules of large group gatherings. We are presently planning based on our status in the Red Phase. If that status changes, we will make adjustments to our plans to accommodate lessened restrictions.

The following is the outline for the New Brighton High School Graduates of the year 2020.

1. Graduation date has been changed to June 03, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
2. It will be held in the upper parking lot of the high school.
3. Commencement will be broadcast on WBVP and live-streamed on Facebook Live by the station.
4. Each graduate is permitted one regular sized vehicle with as many family members that can legally fit inside.
5. Students are welcome to decorate their vehicles to celebrate the evening.
6. Special recognitions will occur during the event such as Student speeches, recognizing the Top 10, and various recognitions of student groups; as we customarily do during graduation.
7. Parking will begin at 4:30 p.m. (Additional parking details will be explained to graduates via email).
8. All vehicles will be directed to parking locations when they arrive. There will be tents on the hillside to identify where the ceremony will take place.
9. There will be another tent next to the driveway of the high school. When graduates’ names are announced, each graduate’s vehicle will drive up to the tent to receive the diploma, process through the campus and return to their place in the parking lot for the remainder of the ceremony. We ask that all graduates are seated in the passenger side of their vehicles to receive their diplomas.
10. Music will be broadcast through WBVP.
11. Local police and faculty will be present to assist in the parking and dismissal of graduates.
12. Commencement will be held regardless of weather.
13. All graduates and family members must stay inside of their vehicles at all times to maintain state and CDC regulations. The New Brighton Police will be on-hand to assist with the event.
14. In order to adhere to the guidelines of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Governor’s state orders, the campus and facilities will be closed to the public during the ceremony.

More information will be forthcoming to our graduates. **Please note that the date of graduation has been changed to June 03, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Yates or Mr. Budacki.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan L. Yates
High School Principal