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“Memories, but not by Maroon 5”

Good evening staff and families of our graduates, and thank you for coming out this evening to celebrate the graduating class of 2021. While this year was rough for everyone, we were able to stay strong through the masks, hybrid schedule, and online learning. I want to thank the Portage administration for trying to make our last year as great as they could under the circumstances. Although we missed out on a “normal” senior year, sport seasons and other activities still went on the best they could. It was only fitting that our class had gone through a pandemic together when we had gone through so much together already. We had gone through 8 English teachers, “The Purge” where our class number went from 74 students to 60 sophomore year, and a failed senior prank that resulted in not just 1, but 2 state troopers. There were a Capella groups in study hall, food parties in Mr. J’s class, and unplugging of computers in Mrs. Kenny’s class. Josh’s agenda got thrown out by Martin, not Kayley, and Lane got a snake in his pocket. There was a funeral for a snowman on the school hill named Moby, and Mr. Shuck taught us about the Indian burial ground he crawled to underneath the school. Most importantly, we rebelled against our class song at prom to bring back Ball and Chain, instead of

Memories by Maroon 5. We had some of the best memories with some amazing teachers that have shaped our lives, and this chapter of our lives is ending, and we're all going our separate ways. I'm so thankful for each and every one of you for becoming a significant part of my life and making high school, not the worst thing I'd ever experience. Thank you for the laughs, smiles, intense dodgeball games, cafeteria karaoke sessions, racing CO2 cars, and just the cherishable memories in general. You all have become an unforgettable part of my life. You have not become not only some of my best friends, but also my family. Congratulations to all of my classmates gathered here tonight, and I wish you the best of luck in whatever your future holds. Class of 2021, we finally did it!