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Dear Seniors and Parents:

It is hard to believe that graduation is fast approaching. We are excited to be able to hold some of the traditional graduation events, albeit on a smaller scale. While I will attempt to outline all the events for you please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions you may have.

On May 30th we kick things off with our traditional awards/scholarships ceremony. Those seniors who have been selected to receive either a scholarship or gold cords and medallions will be notified by mail prior to May 30th. Each senior attending will be permitted to bring two guests with them. Tickets for this ceremony will be handed out when the student RSVPs to Ms. Callan. This event will be held in the PAC beginning at 11:00 am and will be live streamed as well. The link will be posted on the high school website the morning of the event. It is important to note that the grade point averages that were calculated for gold cords and medallions were based on the end of third quarter grades. We will be recalculating grades at the end of the fourth quarter as well and those whose grade point averages increased will receive the appropriate recognition.

Marching practice will begin on Tuesday, June 1st at 9:00 am. All practices are mandatory and promptness is very much appreciated. The second marching practice will be on Wednesday, June 2nd and we will be heading down to the Augusta Civic Center for this practice. Bus transportation will be provided and all seniors are expected to ride the bus. Personal transportation is prohibited. The buses will be leaving the high school at 7:45 am and be returning at approximately 12:00 pm. As in years past we will be stopping at the schools in Belgrade, Oakland, and Sidney so students can say their goodbyes to teachers they had in elementary and middle school.

Also on June 1st we will be hosting a barbecue for the seniors followed by the parade through town. All seniors are invited to attend the barbecue beginning at 5:00 pm. Parents are invited to wait in the student parking lot for their seniors so that they can drive them in the parade, which will begin at 6:15 pm. Should the weather not cooperate we will have to forgo this event unfortunately.

Caps and gowns will be handed out at Tuesday's marching practice. Prior to receiving these items all deficiencies must be taken care of. Class dues are one of those deficiencies that seem to be forgotten. If students have not paid their class dues (money goes towards the purchase of their cap/gown, graduation expenses) there is still time to do so. Caps and gowns are required to be worn at Wednesday's marching practice as this is when the formal graduation picture will be taken as well as the class picture. All students are expected to wear their graduation attire (dress clothes) to this practice. Should anyone find that paying their class dues causes financial stress for their family please see Ms. Callan as soon as possible.

June 3rd will begin with the Senior Last Assembly. All seniors should plan to arrive at the high school no later than 8:30 am. Please bring your cap and gown. As for attire under the gown, shorts and t-shirts are permitted for this event only. Due to social distancing guidelines we will not be able to invite guests to this



event. However, we will live stream this event as well and the link will be posted on the high school website the morning of the assembly.

Graduation will be held at the Augusta Civic Center. We are the first high school to hold it's graduation at the ACC and I know that we will do an awesome job! Seniors should plan to arrive no later than 6:30 pm. We will begin lining up at 6:45 pm. As a note to guests, the Civic Center doors will open at 6:00 pm and entrance will only be permitted through the front doors. When you arrive at the Civic Center please proceed inside as gathering outside prior to the event is not permitted. Due to the CDC guidelines we are limited to the number of guests we can have present so each senior will be able to invite 4 guests. Seating will be designated with a ribbon at the end of each row. Seating that is not available will have streamers placed over the seats. If a senior is not going to use all their tickets we ask that you do not give your tickets away as the seating has been arranged for groups of four only. Seniors will find 4 tickets in their senior packets which they will receive on June 1st. The ceremony will be live streamed and here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/event/886089> We will also post the link on the high school website the morning of graduation.

Your senior advisors, Mrs. Mayo and Mrs. Dube, will be sending out information regarding your Project Graduation.

Below I have tried to capture key information for you to share with family and friends. I know that you are very much aware of this fact but I wanted to thank you for raising such amazing young men and women. This class has led the way with their unwillingness to give up and their generous spirit. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 465-7381 or by email at pcallan@rsu18.org.

Sincerely,

Paula S. Callan
Principal

Captured key points:

- Only four guests are permitted to attend this year's graduation ceremony. You must have your ticket with you in order to be allowed into the Civic Center. Please do not give your unused tickets to anyone else as the seating arrangements are in groups of four.
- You must remain in your seat during the ceremony. We will have two photographers taking photos which we will print and send to the seniors.
- There will be a ribbon at the end of each row signifying where seating is permitted.
- Please remain standing until the graduates have exited the building. Guests are asked to refrain from gathering outside the Civic Center once the ceremony is over.
- Awards and Scholarships ceremony is by invitation only and each student will receive 2 tickets when they RSVP to Ms. Callan.
- The staff at the ACC has requested that people not gather outside the building as has happened in the past. They will have staff moving people along before and after the ceremony. If you wish to take photos with family and friends you may do so in the parking lot.