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Graduation 2020 – Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm

Based on the Governor's new plan beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>, all graduates will be required to wear a face mask when they exit their vehicle (details below). This is not exactly how any of us wanted to proceed, but it is an opportunity for the graduate to decorate their facemask, adhering to Floyd School handbook guidelines. I think we will provide a memorable event for our seniors and a positive attitude will help ensure this.

I have also sent out guidelines from our Insurance Authority that we will need to follow. The most restrictive guideline only allows one vehicle per graduate and requires everyone to wear a seatbelt (I am unsure on the seatbelt in a parked car, but I assume it is to ensure that we do not stuff 25 people in a VW Bug----meaning do not exceed vehicle capacities). We will only allow personal vehicles, so please do not bring your RV, a bus, or any other "special" vehicle in an attempt to circumvent the rules.

We will utilize an FM broadcaster and a livestreaming service to record and broadcast the graduation. The FM broadcaster will ensure everyone in attendance will have excellent audio over their vehicle's radio while you watch the live ceremony. The livestream will be available to everyone (in attendance and not in attendance) but will be on a 20 - 30 second delay. I will provide you with the details of watching the livestream next week, but it does not require any special downloads or apps. You will only need to have a web browser and type in an address, which I will send a specific link to the correct page next week. This livestream will be saved and available for future viewing (details later).

Graduates need to prepare a brief write-up to be read as they are introduced while receiving their diploma (i.e., introducing your parents, your post-graduation plans, best memories of school days, express thanks to parents/families/teachers, etc...) ---less than one minute in length. Please email this graduate bio to [aterry@floydbroncos.com](mailto:aterry@floydbroncos.com) before May 19. **(I only have one bio at this time.)**

Remember, no personal community interaction will be possible and the **school facilities will not be open** to the public on the day of graduation. **No restrooms will be available** during the event, and families should plan accordingly. Graduates should arrive completely dressed and ready for the event to begin.

Now for the details: Graduation will be in the front parking lot of the school with the graduate vehicles parked in a semi-circle equidistant from the presentation area (green box in the diagram below). At the beginning of the ceremony, Mr. D. Terry will welcome everyone, present National Anthem(everyone will remain in vehicles, but please remove head covering and direct your attention to the flag), and certify graduates. At their turn, graduates will exit their vehicles one at a time and proceed to the presentation area as Mr. Terry reads their bio. Mr. A. Terry will present diploma with a brief pause for photo by school photographer. Graduate will step away from the presentation area, pausing for tassel turning (tassel begins on right and is moved to the left), cap toss and retrieval of cap, and then return to their vehicle. As one graduate begins the tassel turning, the next graduate in order will exit their vehicle and begin walking to the presentation area. This procedure will be repeated for each of the twelve graduates individually. I have provided a map below to help visualize my intentions. The items I have drawn on the map are not to scale and are only there for demonstration purposes.



Next week I will send out a graduation program that will provide the ceremony order and other details, and so you can print it for a memento. I can resend the program on the day of graduation so you can view it on your phone if you forget the hard copy. Next week I will also send a “practice” video that will provide an opportunity to view the ceremony (without decorations), so the graduates will better understand the procedures that will take place.

I am excited at the opportunity to host an outdoor graduation and to honor our graduates. I hope you will join me as we decide that this will be an extraordinary event. If you have any questions please call Adam Terry (school 575-478-2211). Again, I will continue to be in contact with you next week as we conclude preparations.