

SD113A Families,

As we are working together during this unprecedented time, we recognize the 8th Grade Class of 2020's Graduation will look different than any in our school district's history. We appreciate your continued patience as we work through details and logistics.

We have been planning administratively to determine how we will best celebrate the Class of 2020 as well as all of our students and families in SD113A. As a result, we will hold a "virtual ceremony" for SD113A's Class of 2020 on a date in late May. We are holding this "virtual graduation" because we believe our students and their families would like to be able to celebrate this accomplishment as close to the previously scheduled date as possible.

Once we receive confirmation of the date and what students need to provide for the ceremony, we will let you know. We are working with a company who will work with us so that we can provide our students with a celebration of their accomplishments in our district. Each graduate will receive a copy of the virtual ceremony.

Additionally, we will host an 8th Grade Awards event by invitation only virtually for our families in May. We are looking at options for an in-person graduation and 8th grade dance to be held in late July, if social distancing requirements are not in effect at that time. We anticipate that we will not be able to honor the Great America trip and plan on refunding money back to families for this.

While we know this time is unsettling, we are committed to providing experiences for our 8th graders and their families. We are also working on plans to get supplies and personal items back to students in the next weeks.

As always, we will continue to communicate updates as they become available. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Courtney Orzel  
Superintendent

Mr. Joe Sweeney  
Principal