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Greetings Class of 2020 Students and Parents:

On June 1st, Governor Carney released an update regarding the partial re-opening of the State of Delaware. Since then, we have been diligently working to make adjustments to our end of year Senior events for the Class of 2020. We are pleased to announce that due to the new guidelines set forth by Phase 1 of the reopening plan for the State of Delaware, we are able to make adjustments to our previous plans. The updated plans are detailed below.

**Updated Calendar of Senior Events:**

June 8, 2020 - Drop Off Materials, Obligations and Pick Up of Cap and Gown/Tee-Shirts

June 13, 2020 - Virtual Graduation Ceremony

~~June 16, 2020 - Diploma Pick Up~~

**NEW: June 25, 2020 (Rain Date: June 26th, 2020) - Seniors Celebration and Diploma Distribution @ William Penn High School**

**June 8, 2020 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm:**

Drop Off Colonial Property and Obligations:

Seniors can report to William Penn to return their Chromebook, books, calculators, uniforms, obligations, and other Colonial items.

All students need to remain in their cars and follow instructions from staff for dropping off and picking up items.

Cap and Gown / Senior T-Shirt Pick up

On June 8th seniors can pick up Cap and Gowns and senior t-shirts.

***Note: Any school property (Chromebooks, calculators, uniforms, instruments, etc.) that is not returned will result in the student not receiving their diploma on June 25th or until that obligation is satisfied.***

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### **June 13, 2020: Virtual Graduation Ceremony:**

The virtual graduation ceremony will be held on June 13th at 6:30 pm.

The graduation ceremony will be kept with as much of the tradition of the previous years' graduation ceremonies from William Penn High School.

The Board President, Superintendent, Principal, and Student Leaders will start the ceremony with short remarks.

Ms. Brewington will then read the names of all of the graduates while pictures are streamed across the screen for parents, family, and community members to view and celebrate!

In order to watch the event, please visit: [youtube.com/c/WilliamPennTV](https://www.youtube.com/c/WilliamPennTV)

The graduation ceremony will also be streamed on Facebook and Instagram.

### **NEW: June 25, 2020 (Rain Date: June 26th, 2020) - Seniors Celebration and Diploma Distribution at William Penn**

On June 25th, the Class of 2020 graduates will receive their diplomas and be able to do a celebratory walk" across the front of William Penn High School as their name is called. After they "walk", the graduate will pose for a professional picture with LifeTouch. The professional picture is of the graduate only.

All students and families participating in the Senior Celebration and Diploma Distribution must adhere to all directions given by staff and safety personnel at all times.

All student obligations need to be met in order for students to receive their diploma.

Graduates must be present and dressed in their cap and gown in order to receive their diploma, participate in the walk, and take a professional picture.

There should be one car per graduate. This means families must be riding in the same car with the graduate.

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Cars that do not contain a graduate will not be allowed on the property. During the event, only the graduate will be permitted to leave the car for “the walk” and professional picture.

Graduates should arrive on June 25th using the following schedule:

9 am to 12 pm (Last Names A - K)

1 pm to 5 pm (Last Names L - Z)

***Note: At all times, we will be following the guidelines set forth by Governor Carney and the CDC. We will require social distancing and at no time will families, visitors, and graduates be allowed to congregate. Only the graduate will be permitted to exit the vehicle to participate in “the walk” and a professional picture. Masks should be worn at all times when students are outside of vehicles.***

As a gift to the Senior Class, the Colonial School District Board of Education will be purchasing one photo of the graduate to share with families.

The official photo of the graduate will be delivered to William Penn High School approximately 10 days after the Senior Celebration and Diploma Distribution.

There will be a link on LifeTouch’s website for families to order additional copies of the picture.

In closing, I want to thank the Class of 2020 students and families for your patience during this unprecedented time. We appreciate you sharing your concerns and thoughts around the graduation exercises for the Class of 2020. As we bring this school year to a close, it is our hope that the culmination exercises for the Class of 2020 will be a memorable time of recognition and celebration as students “walk” into the elite group of becoming William Penn Alumni.

Once a Colonial, Always a Colonial!

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