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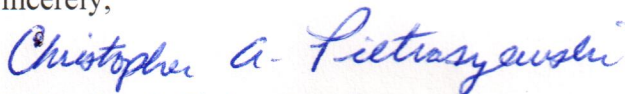
Dear Senior Students and Parents/Guardians:

Honesdale High School is proud to announce our plans to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2020. As you know, our seniors have endured the challenges of a very difficult time in our history. It is important to make every effort to honor their achievement and gather their thoughts and feelings. As a result, our administration met with students, and we listened to their ideas and opinions. It became clear very quickly that the class of 2020 wanted to gather one final time with their classmates on the campus that has been such a large part of their lives. Our students also consistently indicated their desire to maintain the components of our traditional graduation ceremony. Blending their wishes with current guidelines to maintain the health of all participants has been challenging, but I am confident we have achieved these goals, and we are very excited about our graduation ceremony.

The 2020 Honesdale High School commencement will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Honesdale High School student parking area. Each graduate will be permitted to join his or her guests in one vehicle. The vehicle must fit into a standard size parking space and may only contain the legal number of occupants corresponding to the seat belts in the vehicle. Vehicles **will not** be parked on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking will be directed by our security staff to maximize the viewing of all our guests. In order to respect social distancing guidelines and ensure the safety of students, families, and staff, we are requiring all guests to remain in their vehicles throughout the entire ceremony.

We have arranged for our students to walk across a large, concert-style, elevated, outdoor stage to pick up their diplomas. An LED video wall will be utilized to enhance your viewing of the ceremony. A professional photographer will be taking pictures. Our commencement audio will be broadcast through an FM radio station. We will be providing a live online feed of the graduation ceremony for friends and family to watch from home. We are planning to include and honor all the aspects of the traditional Honesdale High School graduation ceremony. As such, we will be asking our guests to remain quiet throughout the ceremony so that every family may respectfully enjoy the tremendous achievement of their student. I hope this announcement is helpful for your planning purposes. We will share more specific information with our seniors and their parents regarding commencement in the upcoming weeks. As we prepare for commencement, we will proceed "The Wayne Highlands Way." We have the grit to prevail over challenges. We will promote the positive culture of our community. We will celebrate our relationships with our students and this milestone achievement in their lives.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Pietraszewski