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Dear Seniors and Families,

Thank you for your patience as we navigate the best way to celebrate your accomplishments and the culmination of your high school career while ensuring both your safety and the wellbeing of your family and friends. While it is not possible to continue some of the events that have traditionally accompanied these momentous times in your lives, please know that your senior class advisors, activities coordinator, faculty and administration have been working together to provide you with the best possible celebrations under the challenging circumstances that we are faced with.

Senior Dues:

A refund of 100.00 for senior dues to all those that made payments were mailed out this week.

Graduation Requirements/Final Report Cards

Seniors must be passing for the year to receive credit and meet graduation requirements. Otherwise they will have to complete summer work for credit to receive their diploma.

Senior Prom:

Unfortunately, our Prom date of Wednesday, May 27, 2020, has been postponed due to social distancing mandates and the continued ban on large group events. We will be looking to plan a 2020 Senior Reunion Celebration/ Yearbook signing during Homecoming Weekend in the Fall, October 5-9, 2020, if permitted. The exact date to be determined. (The activities coordinator and the Senior Advisors will be creating and sending out a survey to seniors regarding ideas).

Senior Scholarship and Award Ceremony:

There will be a Virtual Senior Award and Scholarship Ceremony. All are welcome to tune in for this special event by going to the GLTHS Website Homepage on **May 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM**. Awards and scholarship recipients will receive their awards and letters at the Graduation Ceremony. Congratulations to all of our Senior Award recipients!

Senior Spring Athlete Tribute:

This will be posted on the GLTHS Athletic Twitter page the week of June 1, 2020 to celebrate our spring senior athletes!

Best Wishes Class of 2020 Video:

Wishes from teachers and family members currently available on our website homepage for viewing.

Last Day of Remote Learning for Seniors is Tuesday, May, 26, 2020, Until then keep the finish line in sight, do your best and finish your senior year Gryphon Strong!

Virtual Senior Week –June 8-11, 2020:

Mon-Shop Pride Day

Tues.- Hawaiian Luau Day

Wed.- Sports Spirit Day

Thurs. Gryphon Pride

Cap & Gown Drive Thru Pick-Up We will be holding a drive thru pick-up for caps and gowns along with medical records and personal belongings from lockers. (Drop-off textbooks, Library books and chrome-books). Seniors must drop-off these items at this time in order to participate in Graduation.

More information on what this event will look like and a schedule for students to follow (staggered times) with safety and social distancing instructions will be forthcoming.

2020 Graduation Ceremony

Our Graduation Ceremony scheduled to take place at the Tsongas Arena on Friday, June 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM and our first back-up date of Friday, June 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM have both been cancelled by the Arena based on the Governor's new reopening policies and proposed phases released this week. As a result, we are planning small outdoor ceremonies over the course of a week organized by Technical Cluster (and broken down by Departments in 90 minute sessions) in order to accommodate our large graduating class.

These will be held Tuesday thru Friday the week of June 16-19, 2020. Only one Vehicle will be permitted on campus per Graduate. Graduates and their families must ride together.

Family members will be required to remain in their vehicles. Once the ceremony begins two family members will be permitted to exit their vehicle to a designated marked area near their vehicle to view the awarding of diplomas (More specific information will be forthcoming).

The walk across the stage, awarding of diplomas, and a graduate photo will all be held in-person. These small ceremonies will be videoed and we are looking into "live streaming" so family and friends at home can tune in. As a prelude to each Ceremony, a pre-recorded video of the Valedictorian, Salutation, and dignitaries' speeches will be able to be viewed on the Greater Lowell Technical High School website beginning the morning of June 16, 2020 at 8:30-9:00 AM (continuing throughout the day) thru June 19, 2020.

In order for you to "Save The Dates" the following schedule for the small ceremonies will be as follows:

Tuesday June 16, 2020 -Construction Cluster

Wednesday June 17, 2020 -Personal Services Cluster

Thursday, June 18, 2020 -Technology Cluster

Friday, June 19, 2020 - Transportation and Manufacturing Cluster

The time of each Department ceremony on these days with specific instructions regarding arrival, departure, as well as health and safety protocols will be forthcoming.

We are so proud of all of you for the resilience and perseverance that you have shown during these very unprecedented, and challenging times. **Be hopeful, keep smiling, believe in yourself, and you'll always make it through and be stronger for the experience! We miss you Class of 2020 and cannot wait to see you soon!**

Sincerely,


Miss Davis