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# Caledonia Community Schools

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Dear Caledonia Community Schools parents and guardians,

All year, the health and safety of our students has been our number one priority. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued new guidance this week that removes the capacity limits on outdoor gatherings starting on June 1. This announcement comes as our students wrap up their final assignments and our seniors prepare to graduate.

We are excited about the opportunity this provides for us to quickly adjust our graduation plans and provide the class of 2021 the graduation ceremony they deserve with their loved ones in attendance. We are working diligently to change the date of our graduation ceremony from Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Additional information will be sent out from the high school administration team early next week after we have a chance to review the revised guidelines and plan accordingly. We are confident that this means we will be able to expand the limited number of tickets available for graduates.

As this year comes to a close, we are receiving many questions about what next school year will look like. We fully anticipate in-person learning in the fall for the majority of our students. New next year, families will be able to choose to enroll their student in Caledonia Connected, our fully online learning program, if they believe that's the best approach for their student.

However, if we've learned one thing this year, it's that things can change rapidly and we need to remain flexible. We expect more information to come out over the coming weeks so we can prepare for the next school year. The board of education will be meeting mid-summer to discuss final plans for next year.

While many of us are fatigued with COVID-19 protocols, it is crucial that we remain diligent during the final nine days of school. We want all of our students to finish the school year healthy and able to participate in in-person learning, if that's their path. That means we will still require masks indoors for the remainder of the year.

Due to the efforts of our families, students, staff and community, our district has been successful in following the various recommendations and guidance from the various agencies throughout the year. We've limited school closures and minimized the negative impacts of COVID-19 on student learning.

As always, thank you for your patience and unwavering support as we continue working our way through this incredibly challenging year to the last day of school.

Sincerely,

CCS Administration

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