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New London School Community,

As we start the month May lawns are finally turning green and buds on trees are ready to burst. Typically during May, our schools showcase multiple student and grade level accomplishments that round out the end of the academic year. The spring of 2020 has presented educational obstacles for all of us. Proudly I share my gratitude of thanks to our school community that has adapted and aligned focus to meet the needs of our student/families at its very best. We have much to celebrate with our successes, and even COVID-19 cannot stop the significant accomplishments of our school community.

Parents/guardians should have received an electronic survey on Friday, May 1, which addressed our current digital/distant learning platform. Please take time to complete the survey if you have not already done so. Feedback received from the survey will assist the District in future educational digital delivery.

High school graduation will be presented to our school community virtually on Friday, May 29, at 7:00 pm. Over the past several week's school districts around the country and area have been discussing potential ideas to recognize the graduating class of 2020. With known safety parameters established, we will be creative to ensure the very best graduation experience for our students.

Our commencement program will be produced by members of our District IT staff and a private film production team. Aspects of a typical graduation ceremony will be prerecorded, which will symbolically represent the distinguished accomplishments of the class of 2020. Viewing of the program will be made available via web-based delivery. Students, families, district staff, and our school community will be shared a digital link to access the graduation production in advance to watch the event.

Additionally, on July 22 at 6:00 pm at Bulldog Stadium, our District will host a gathering for the class of 2020, pending that health guidelines can be ensured. The celebration will allow students and families to gather, take pictures, and be recognized in person by our school community.

It very important that students and families remain focused on their best effort until the end of the academic year. End results of our academic year are a reflection of the educational journey which started last September. As a school community, we owe it to ourselves to finish strong with integrity and rigor.

Sincerely,

Scott Bleck

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District Administrator