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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2020,

In the event we are out of school for the remainder of the year, or if continued concerns regarding health/safety prohibit us from holding our traditional ceremony, we are considering other options for planning a graduation for the Class of 2020. Knowing that graduation will likely look different from previous years, we are asking seniors and their parents/guardians for input by completing a survey provided below. (Seniors will be receiving this same survey through an email linked with their Naviance account). We ask parents/guardians and seniors complete this by **Monday, May 4th at 5:00 pm**. A future communication will be sent regarding the acquisition of caps and gowns.

SURVEY DETAILS: You will notice that the survey has some initial options for your consideration. To try and keep the survey itself as concise as possible, further elaboration for each of these options has been provided in the message below and we hope they are helpful “definitions” as you complete the survey.

Option A: A community viewing of a pre-recorded graduation ceremony on June 17th at 6:00 p.m.

On June 17th, the SW community would be provided a link to view this ceremony which would include the signature elements of a South Windsor High School graduation--music, speeches by the valedictorian, salutatorian, and class poet, as well as remarks by the SWHS Principal, Superintendent of Schools, and Board of Education representative, as well as the awarding of diplomas. As part of this option, we would invite seniors the opportunity to submit a brief, personalized video where students can be pre-recorded “receiving their diploma” (more details on this would be provided to students if Option A emerges as a popular choice by students and their families).

On the evening of June 17th, we would encourage seniors to wear their caps/gowns while viewing the ceremony and for families to consider their own personal approaches to honoring their graduates at home (balloons, signs, etc.).

Option B: A “drive-thru” ceremony

There are several variations to this option. In essence, this might entail each graduate being with his/her family in a vehicle. Families would be invited to drive to the high school at a to-be-determined date/time where diplomas will be issued in a safe manner.

Option C: A postponed ceremony to occur during the summer

If social-distancing and health guidelines allow, a more traditional graduation ceremony would be scheduled at a to-be-determined date/time in the summer.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

Thank you for your time and input!

Sincerely,

Senior Class Advisors & SWHS Administration