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Senior Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Due to COVID-19, the Class of 2020 has unfortunately missed out on several events and opportunities during their senior year. North Mac High School is dedicated to our students and we are in the process of creating plans in an attempt to still hold this year's graduation ceremony.

The May 30<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony at the University of Illinois Springfield has been cancelled by UIS so that date and location is no longer viable. So we are making plans to utilize our new athletic complex on the high school campus as a venue for graduation. Our plan is to hopefully invite as many family members as possible to view this event in-person from the bleachers, and we also are making plans to stream this event live online through [www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com). The video scoreboard will display close up live footage of the event during graduation and it will also display our senior slideshow. We are excited about the potential this new facility will provide as a graduation venue.

However, it is vital that we continue to follow approved safety protocols as determined by Governor Pritzker's stay-at-home order and social distancing expectations. Because we need to remain flexible due to the ever changing guidelines as a result of the pandemic, we are setting several possible dates to host this event. As we get closer to each date we will make a decision based on conditions at that time. But in order to allow you to pencil in some prospective dates into your calendars, we wanted to communicate those to you now. Our first potential graduation date would be June 12<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of June 19<sup>th</sup>. Should we get close to June 12<sup>th</sup> and the restrictions have not been relaxed enough to hold the graduation, we will postpone to our next possible date of July 10<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of July 17<sup>th</sup>. Should we get close to July 10<sup>th</sup> and the restrictions have not been relaxed enough, we will postpone again, this time until August 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of August 14<sup>th</sup>. On each of these dates (which you will notice are all Fridays) the event time will be in the evening at 7:00 PM as to avoid the potential for uncomfortably warm weather.

This senior class is very deserving of the joys of their senior year and we are doing our best to provide them the opportunity to say good-bye to their fellow classmates and teachers. North Mac is proud of these seniors and their accomplishments and we can't wait for this joyous occasion!

During the month of May, the school will communicate with all seniors about how they will be able to pick up their Josten items including their cap and gowns. Seniors are being asked to send a baby picture and a senior photo to [abarton@northmacschools.org](mailto:abarton@northmacschools.org) so she can work on the senior slideshow. Included within this mailing you will find a letter from the editor of our local newspaper about sending information to her in regards to your senior child. This information will be printed in upcoming local newspapers and shared with the public in recognition of the graduating Class of 2020. Everyone stay safe, positive and patient as we continue to work together to finalize this school year. We will be in touch with more detailed plans as we move through May.

Sincerely,

Rob Horn, Principal  
North Mac High School