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Dear Students and Families of the Class of 2020,

I hope you are healthy and staying safe during this difficult time. As many know by now, the governor has closed school buildings for the rest of the school year. This news was tough to hear, especially for the Class of 2020, but we understand that health and safety is a top priority. Although our buildings are closed, school is still very much in session. Please continue to support your children so they can finish strong and proud. It remains a challenging time for our country, and many appear to be affected in one way or another. Our seniors (and their families) have looked forward to taking prom pictures and watching their children walk across the stage to receive their hard-earned diploma for a long time. Senior year is an extraordinary time in a student's life, and the pandemic has affected how we have to make future decisions. We will do everything we possibly can to make this a memorable experience for the Class of 2020. They deserve it!!!

There is much uncertainty about how and when seniors will celebrate at the end of the school year. We will be working together with students, parents, and staff to offer the best alternative plans possible.

We know there are many questions about prom, honors night, senior week, class dues, and other items. Below is some information in response to the many questions we have been receiving. In some cases, we do not have definitive answers yet, but we want to share the most up to date thinking, so students and families are aware of the direction we are heading in.

Personal belongings left in lockers:

At this time, students are not allowed to enter the building to pick up personal belongings before the end of the school year. Once we have approval under the current guidelines, we will communicate this critical information to you.

Honors Night:

We are coordinating with Greater Lowell Community Foundation along with LHS College and Career Counselor Karyn Cassidy and others, so we can most appropriately honor this year's recipients. The award process was a bit delayed due to school closure, but be assured our students will receive their awards.



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Senior Prom:

We are anxiously awaiting further guidance and approval from the Massachusetts Governor's Office and currently have reserved 6/17 as a possible prom date at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. However, at this time, the possibility of the prom happening in June is unlikely.

Graduation:

We have reserved 6/24 and also 8/12 as back-up graduation dates, but we are also considering a virtual graduation event in June. Senior officers will look for input from students via polling in the coming week. We plan to work in conjunction with the Superintendent's Office, School Committee, City Manager's Office, Health and Human Services, Lowell Police Department, parents, administration, staff, and most especially students to offer the safest and best possible graduation ceremony. We are also sharing and discussing plans with other area schools to make sure all options are reviewed and considered.

Please note: If there are any questions regarding graduation status, reach out to guidance and house dean immediately.

Senior dues, a reminder:

As of today, we do not plan on refunding senior dues. Yearbooks will be delivered to LHS in the next few weeks, along with diplomas. Cap and gowns are still in process, but if anything changes, we will let inform you. If graduates have not paid for senior dues yet, please send checks to Lowell High School, 50 Morissette Blvd., Lowell, MA 01852 Attention: Bursar's Office. If there are any questions about this, please reach out to Mr. Tom Thornton, Student Activities Coordinator. We are considering all options to get yearbooks out to our seniors as safely and quickly as possible in the coming weeks. Below is the breakdown of the cost of senior dues:

Yearbook (\$65.00)
Cap and Gown (\$20.00)
Diploma (\$15.00)
And a late fee after Jan 1 (\$10.00)



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Questions and Suggestions:

We will hold an open Zoom question and answer session for any students and parents who have additional questions on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Please feel free to join us as we try to address related questions and listen to any suggestions people may have.

Marianne Busted is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Graduation Zoom Meeting
Time: Apr 28, 2020, 07:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9537750438?pwd=U1VjOFZoTHZUWklzOGZ4YTIRN1hZdz09>

Meeting ID: 953 775 0438
Password: 808242

Please continue to check our website for updated senior information.

Be well,

Marianne Busted
Head of Lowell High School