



# KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent of Schools

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School Business Administrator

May 13, 2020

Dear Seniors and Parents of Seniors:

We continue to work with our graduation committee to plan for a number of signature events that are aimed at celebrating you – a distinguished member of the Class of 2020. We are aware that you are all anxious with respect to those plans and I want to assure you that we will be prepared to communicate those plans very soon.

At the moment, our plans remain fluid and are the result of frequent updates, changes and clarifying statements issued by the Governor's office, which makes planning next to impossible. Nonetheless, I have continued to advocate for an in-person graduation ceremony, with restrictions, to ensure that our seniors have the opportunity to receive their diplomas in our high school stadium. While we have alternative plans in the making, we want nothing more than to see our seniors graduate in our stadium.

Joining me in advocating for our seniors are fourteen of my colleagues, superintendents who represent every public high school in Gloucester County. Together, we have signed a letter requesting the assistance of New Jersey's Legislative Leaders – Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin. – We have conveyed to them that we have total confidence that the members of the Class of 2020, if permitted, can and will abide by the CDC's recommendations to aggressively practice social distancing measures throughout our respective graduation ceremonies. You can read the [Gloucester County High School Superintendent's Letter](#) here.

While it may be too early to celebrate, I hope this letter provides you with a degree of optimism and helps to rally the Class of 2020 as we inch closer toward the middle of June. Stay strong 2020!

Very truly yours,

Dr. James J. Lavender  
Superintendent of Schools

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