SENIOR ACTIVITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
CREATING END-OF-YEAR MOMENTS TO HONOR RITES OF PASSAGE

1. ASK YOUR SENIORS FOR THEIR INPUT! Send a survey and use feedback to prioritize district decision-making. (Click here to access sample).
2. Identify three to five potential dates with Good, Better, Best options based on what’s permitted on each date. For example:
   - **May 29** Virtual Ceremony (Good), Senior Parade (Better), Drive-In/Through (Best)
   - **June 26** Senior Parade (Good), Drive-In/Through (Better), Face2Face at Football Stadium with Parents/Guardians only w/Social Distancing (Best)
   - **July 31** Drive-In/Through (Good), Face2Face at Football Stadium with Parents/Guardians only w/Social Distancing (Better), Face2Face at Football Stadium with four to six guests w/Social Distancing (Best)
3. Reserve venue for each of the dates.
4. Communicate plan, and criteria for decision making to students and their families.

DURING STAY HOME / STAY SAFE EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Social Media Week for seniors
- Light Up the Stadium
- Letters/card to seniors from Principal / Superintendent
- Staff write and mail personal, handwritten letters to each senior to arrive on original graduation date (e.g., adopt a student or circulating the names of graduates to all teachers and staffers throughout the district, who then write notes to the students)
- Grateful Grad: students compose notes of gratitude to recognize and thank members of PK-12 staff for the impact on their life.
- Seniors submit pictures in cap and gown to include in a recorded screencast or Flipgrid.
- Senior Spotlights - seniors send in pics, info on what they are doing after graduation and a reflection of a memory from school. Put together a video for Youtube with music.
- Senior Moment - ask seniors to share a baby picture, senior pictures and short video clip of a school memory to be included in virtual celebration.
- Banners of seniors on the light poles around campus/community
- Senior goody bags given out when parents come to pick up cap and gowns
- Yard signs delivered by staff/Grad Bash committee to each senior
- Parents decorate front/garage door to honor their grad
- Banners for each senior on the driveway in front of schools, scrolling honor on digital signs in front of school.
- Have the staff put names of all students on a large athletic field and use drone to create a video to post online.
- Post a message for seniors on a billboard that is in a prominent place in your community.
- Senior Reflections - some type of closure program.
  - Could be done over a couple nights of showcasing talent by Zoom or some other media for drama events, shows, choirs, bands poetry/writing, cheerleaders etc. that showcase SENIORS in those areas
  - Virtual signing opportunities for students - not just athletics - Any postsecondary, military, employment opportunity gets a signing experience
  - Virtual Bequests – Senior Wills (leaving a legacy)
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- Film each grad receiving their diploma and broadcast it in a virtual ceremony
- Seniors invited to pick-up cap and gown while teachers line the driveway of school to wave and see them off.
- “Show Me Your Walk” – live celebration for Class of 2020 in July or August (stream/record and post on youtube)
- Set up a banner/sign and photographer the day of cap and gown pick-up and have senior pics taken in front of school.
- Allow groups of 20-30 students set for a specific time period to drive around the school or track to come to the front of the building and be awarded their diploma and have pic taken. This is all recorded and then edited and put on YouTube for a completely virtual commencement ceremony
- Drive-in Graduation and then a fun movie night after.
- Race to the Finish Idea: check out your sports community venues and see if they could host your graduation at their facility
- Prom Substitute over the summer to be run by parents and hosted at a barn-type venue.
- Car parade thru town after getting diplomas. Check out car clubs or new car sale places for help with cars and senior holding signs etc.
- Senior breakfast/banquet/cookout
- Building a scavenger hunt through Goosechase to allow students to be on teams (guys vs. gals, etc.) and see the results real time. Goosechase is an interactive scavenger hunt program that you can build events and challenges into Goosechase
- Senior Sunset in parking lot/beach/airport

List of Colleges’ Plans for Reopening in the Fall (shared by Sandy Hillman)