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Dear Binghamton Families,

As the 2019-2020 school year draws closer to an end, we know there are many questions about end-of-year activities. From elementary and middle school moving-up ceremonies, to high school graduations, we understand that these events are coveted milestones for your student. They are rites of passage to their academic journeys.

Some celebrations are already underway! Just today, a group of Binghamton High School staff members took to the streets of the City of Binghamton to hand-deliver lawn signs to our seniors via parades. It was a wonderful opportunity for our staff to congratulate our seniors on their upcoming graduation, and the smiles and waves were worth every bit of effort and planning.

Please be assured that our district and schools are working diligently on finding creative ways to honor our students' achievements and accomplishments, while respecting the seriousness of the ongoing pandemic. This is especially true for Binghamton High School's prom and graduation. The Class of 2020 is at the top of our minds as we thoughtfully consider what these socially distanced events might look like. Our high school principals, senior class leadership and district personnel have been working together to develop plans to celebrate our graduates. This week, we will also open up a ThoughtExchange to our seniors and their parents/guardians, so that every upcoming graduate has the opportunity to participate in this discussion. Their voices and thoughts are integral as we develop visions and plans for these events.

The COVID-19 crisis will change the way we conduct our events for the foreseeable future, but it will not stop us from celebrating our incredible students and their achievements. We appreciate your lasting support of our students and schools.

With Patriot Pride,

Dr. Tonia Thompson
Superintendent of Schools

Educating, empowering and challenging all students to become productive, global citizens through innovative approaches to learning.