



BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of School Leadership - Secondary
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Associate Superintendents

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Dear Colleagues,

Our schools have engaged in imaginative and innovative work to help our students to continue to achieve during this global health crisis. With the May 1st Executive Order from Governor Andrew Cuomo, keeping schools closed through the end of the current academic year, this year will prove to be very different from all others, especially for our 2020 graduating class. Typical senior year events such as prom, award breakfasts, banquets, honors ceremonies, etc. must be canceled district-wide for safety reasons. These cancelations are difficult because they traditionally serve as motivators for our students, providing a sense of honor and pride to participate.

We commend you for the many creative ideas you have shared to celebrate and motivate our seniors while maintaining all safety protocols. Our students need to see that while the buildings are closed, school is still in session. Your hard work in connecting with and recognizing our students gives them hope that it is true - their senior year is important to all of us.

While most senior events must be canceled, we are still planning to make this year's graduation historic. The 2020 commencement ceremonies will differ from anything in the past. Let's create something memorable to match the moment. More than ever, our students need to see how much we cherish their success. Thank you for all that you do. It is greatly appreciated! Let us know how we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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