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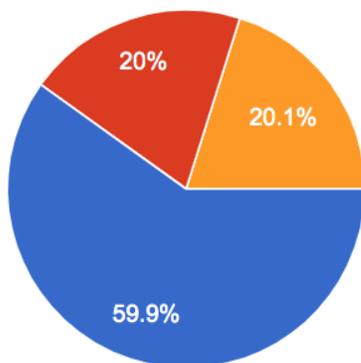
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June 16, 2020

Dear Morris Hills Regional District Community,

As guidance from state and local health officials continues to evolve, the Morris Hills Regional School District remains committed to ensuring that our graduates are properly honored, while maintaining their health, safety, and well-being. Toward that end, we have planned the following events to honor the Class of 2020.

- The Virtual Commencement Ceremony for Morris Knolls High School and Morris Hills High School will be aired on **June 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. All students, parents, guardians, and family members will be able to view the ceremony by accessing the link that will be provided to you in the near future. This link will be able to be shared with loved one and will also be placed on the school’s website. Families will be able to view the ceremony for years to come using the provided link. The virtual ceremony will follow, as closely as possible, our traditional commencement ceremony, with student and staff speakers and performances by our incredibly talented student musicians and vocalists.
- Beginning on **Monday, June 29, 2020 through Wednesday July 1, 2020**, Morris Knolls High School and Morris Hills High School will be setting up a small staging area for students and parents/guardians to come to the schools throughout the day to take photos of graduating seniors. All participants must obey social distancing orders and guidelines. Group photos are not permitted. The Morris Knolls High School location will be set up at the Main Entrance doors to the school. The Morris Hills High School location will be set up on the front circle by the knight.
- **We are also proud to announce that after reviewing the survey data, the Morris Hills Regional District will run a live in-person ceremony on July 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM. This decision was based on the survey data collected from our Survey Results:**



- Option 1 - Cancel the Drive-by Diploma Distribution, scheduled for June 27th, and conduct one ceremony for the entire graduating class on July 15, 2020. On...
- Option 2 - Cancel the Drive-by Diploma Distribution, scheduled for June 27th, and conduct three ceremonies on July 15 and July 16, 2020 by splitting the g...
- Option 3 - Conduct the Drive-By Diploma Distribution on June 27th as planned and do not conduct a live cer...

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The ceremony will be for **graduates only** to adhere to Governor Murphy's mandates regarding social gatherings for commencement ceremonies. We will be live streaming and recording our commencement ceremonies for parents, guardians, relatives, and loved ones. We will also have photographers taking pictures of graduates receiving their diplomas for our families. Our traditional programs will be printed and provided to our students. The ceremony will include welcome remarks from the principals and the traditional roll call of the graduates. In the case of inclement weather, our rain date for the ceremony will be July 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

We will provide additional information regarding these events in the near future, including safety protocol for the in-person ceremony.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

James J. Jencarelli, Jr. Superintendent of Schools
Ryan MacNaughton, Principal of Morris Knolls High School
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