



MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Class of 2020 Students and Parents:

Senior surveys closed on Tuesday. Nearly 90 surveys from seniors and adults were reviewed. Thank you for contributing. We know that it is very important that we recognize and celebrate our seniors. While we can't recreate the same events that seniors, parents, and staff were looking forward to, it is important to us to look for ways to provide some positive memories from this spring.

The cap and gown pick up on Friday was something we have not done before and it was fantastic to see so many students and so many of our staff come out and celebrate. The banner, names written in chalk on the auditorium wall, and the names written on the rock with the video that aired yesterday are creative ways MHS staff are creating to celebrate the MHS Class of 2020. We aren't done yet.

In looking at the graduation ceremony survey, the data showed that a majority saying they would participate with any of the four options. While having a live graduation was the most popular choice, people did share their concerns whether or not Meridian will be allowed to have a graduation ceremony later in the summer or if students will still be around to attend. Between the two virtual options, people wanted part of the ceremony to feel "live" with students recorded as they walked on stage, gave speeches, and picked up their diploma.

Meridian High School and district staff have already begun to look into the possibility of a live event later in the summer as well as a "recorded live virtual event". We want to celebrate our graduates, keep people safe and healthy, and stay in line with state and local regulations while providing the best opportunity to celebrate. As soon as we can solidify our plans, we will communicate them to help with your own planning.

Stay Strong Trojans.