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Dear Vernon Viking Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, May 8, 2020, at about 8:00 p.m., school districts throughout New Jersey received guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education (attached). The New Jersey Attorney General followed up with guidance on May 9, 2020 (attached). **Vernon Township High School and Glen Meadow Middle School are still planning to host in-person Graduations within guidelines.** I know how much in-person ceremonies mean to our community. **Should any form of "live" Graduation programs be permitted, the district will plan live ceremonies for both our eighth and twelfth graders.** Previous correspondence indicated a live Graduation for Vernon High School Seniors on June 30, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., should we be permitted. If not, we will host a virtual celebration of Seniors on June 30, 2020, and a live Graduation on August 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. unless directed otherwise. Glen Meadow Middle School will host their virtual Advancement Ceremony on June 9 at 5:30 p.m. with a live Advancement Ceremony to be determined, based on restrictions. The Vernon Township School District will keep a watchful eye on requirements set forth by the Governor's Office and the New Jersey Department of Education in order to plan live events within the guidelines set forth by the State.

As stated in previous items of correspondence, COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact, and information changes rapidly. We will continue to monitor information and keep you informed. Even though Graduation and Advancement feel as though they are "on hold", I can assure you they are not. I am pleased that there are other recognition ceremonies and honors that our students continue to receive at this time of year. I am moved by the Vernon community who embraces our Senior Class of 2020 in wonderful, innovative, and spectacular ways.

Thank you for your continued support of our district and concern for our students.

Sincerely,

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