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To the Families of The Class of 2021:

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, I am sure that you are looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments and achievements of your graduating senior. During this extremely exciting time, you must be filled with questions concerning the end of year events. In preparation for the graduation of The Class of 2021 and for participation in the ceremony of Commencement, the following information is being provided:

Friday, June 11th

• MANDATORY Senior meeting in the MAIN GYM at 8:30 am – caps and gowns will be distributed. January graduates should arrive at the school no later than 8:15 am.

Tuesday, June 15th

• **Graduation Practice** - Seniors will eat A lunch. **MANDATORY** graduation practice will begin at 11:45 am. Seniors should report to the gym for practice. **They will need to bring their caps and gowns**. The class photo will be taken during practice. Seniors will be allowed to leave school at the end of practice. January graduates should report to school by 11:30 am.

Wednesday, June 16th

• **Graduation Practice** - Seniors will eat A lunch. **MANDATORY** graduation practice will begin at 11:45 am. Seniors should report to the gym for practice. Seniors will be allowed to leave school at the end of practice. January graduates should report to school by 11:30 am.

Thursday, June 17th

Teacher Workday. No school for students.

Friday, June 18th

Virtual Awards Assembly - As it has become tradition, numerous awards and scholarships will be
presented to the graduating seniors during this assembly. Our generous community continues to
demonstrate their faith in the future of our graduates by presenting them with gracious financial scholarships
and awards. Seniors are required to wear their caps and gowns during the assembly which begins
at 8:30 am and is for students and staff only. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no visitors will be allowed to
attend.

Friday, June 18th

- Commencement 7:00 pm Seniors must report to the band room foyer, Door 25, no later than 6:00 pm with their cap, gown and tassel. Admission for family and guests is by ticket only. Seniors will receive their tickets during the June 16th practice. (Each participating senior will receive FOUR tickets. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, NO extra tickets will be available this year).
- The ceremony will be videotaped and available for purchase. For ordering information, see the enclosed order form or contact Mrs. Monaghan at 570-226-4557 ext. 3036.

• The ceremony will also be shown live on the school website www.wallenpaupack.org and streamed on Blue Ridge Cable channel 905 for the convenience of those who cannot attend. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 pm, so please allow sufficient time for parking and seating.

Saturday June 19th

• RAIN DATE if needed, time to be determined.

Expected attire under caps and gowns:

Purple or White Gowns – Shirt w/tie, pants, dress or skirt/blouse or pants outfit, dress shoes. **White Gowns** – Light colors are recommended.

No jeans, shorts, sneakers, or flip-flops. High heels are not recommended.

We normally do not have a rain date and just move the Commencement Ceremony inside to the main gym if there is inclement weather. This year will be an exception as we want to do everything we can to allow four guests to attend graduation for each senior. Our hope is to have Commencement on Friday at 7:00 pm in the stadium; however, if the weather does not cooperate, we will postpone until Saturday at a time to be determined based upon the forecast. A Saturday Commencement could occur at any time during the day when the weather looks best. In a worst-case scenario, the Commencement Ceremony will be moved into the main gym Saturday evening. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 regulations, graduates will be permitted only two guests for an inside ceremony.

I am hopeful that all members of the senior class will participate in these final activities and be a part of this culminating event of their high school career. I wish great success to each and every senior as they embark on their future journey.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Kane Principal