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Graduates and Families of the Class of 2021,

We are just a few weeks away from the 96<sup>th</sup> Commencement at Islip High School, and the enthusiasm surrounding this event is building by the minute. We are excited to announce that Islip High School will be moving forward with a single commencement ceremony to honor the Class of 2021 on Friday, June 25, at 6:00 pm. In accordance with the most updated Covid-19 Guidance from the New York State Department of Health, each graduate will be given two guest tickets for the commencement ceremony. In keeping with the updated guidance, all guests will be seated in the stadium bleachers, which will now allow us to have a formal procession of seniors onto the field, as well as avoiding the testing and immunization verification process. These two guest tickets will also serve as parking passes. Ticket labels will specify which gate (Main Street or Union Boulevard) guests will enter the campus to park. All guests will be required to show their tickets to enter the campus and the stadium bleachers. The ceremony will be live-streamed for any other family members and friends unable to receive a ticket, and as links and final details become available, they will be posted on the District website.

## Rehearsal – Mandatory – Tuesday, June 22, 1:00 pm - Auditorium

The actual commencement exercises will take approximately two hours from start to finish. There are no verbal directions given during the ceremony and consequently, every graduate who intends to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend the rehearsal on Tuesday, June 22 beginning at 1:00 pm in the auditorium. Please arrive at 12:45 pm so that the rehearsal can begin promptly at 1:00 pm. It is essential that you attend the entire rehearsal to become familiar with the ceremony and procedures. Commencement tickets, cords, etc. will be distributed at the end of the rehearsal only to those students who are in attendance for the entire rehearsal. On an added note, **part of the rehearsal takes place on the Turf Field.** No heels are permitted. Only flat-soled shoes should be worn to both the rehearsal and the commencement ceremony.

## **Diploma Pick-Up**

Diplomas will be distributed beginning the week of June 28 and may be picked up in the Main Office between the hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please be aware that the diplomas need to be signed for by the student or parent/guardian.

## Rain Date

In the event of inclement weather on Friday, June 25, the rain date for the ceremony is Saturday, June 26, at 9:00 am, on the turf field.

Graduation is a memorable time and one of celebration. I would like to offer my congratulations to all members of the Class of 2021. I wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Best Regards,

Jon LaRochester

Principal Islip High School