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Holland Patent High School Graduation plan for July 24th 2020 at 7:30pm (Rain Date will be July 25th at 7:30 pm but we will only use the rain date if the 24th has storms or is a wash out).

Please note this plan is based on the June 14th memo put out from NYS regarding graduation ceremonies and we are required to follow these guidelines or we risk being shut down. This plan is also subject to change based on any future memos that come out from the state. If there are changes families will be notified immediately.

July 23rd at 9 am will be the graduation rehearsal at the high school. All students that are planning to attend the July 24th ceremony will be expected to attend the rehearsal so please plan accordingly. We will have HP masks for students that will be required to be worn for the rehearsal and the ceremony.

July 24th ceremony:

- 1. Parents will start arriving at the Holland Patent High School at 6:15 pm but following the schedule listed here to avoid blocking traffic.**
 - a. Last names A-J will arrive between 6:15 and 6:35**
 - b. Last names K-Q will arrive between 6:35 and 6:55**
 - c. Last names R- Z will arrive between 6:55 and 7:15**

- 2. Students should enter the building with their mask on and parents/ families will remain in their cars in the parking spot they're assigned. The ceremony will be live streamed onto a very nice large screen outdoor tv that all families will be able to see from their car. There is no limit to the amount of people per car but we ask that you have one car per family. In the event that there is a split family you will be allowed 2 vehicles but Mr. Stevener must be notified ahead of time via the email listed above.**
- 3. All family members must remain in their cars to avoid having the ceremony shut down. There will be a clear picture and volume set up. The link for the live stream will also be on the district web page so people can watch from home as well.**
- 4. At 7:30 pm the students will march out the gym doors and through the rows of cars for all the parents and families to see. They will then proceed down the hill to the athletic complex and will be arranged 6 feet apart.**
- 5. We will then run through the full ceremony that we traditionally do at the park with the exception of the senior chorus song. Families that have a child speaking/singing will be allowed 4 family members to walk down to the field to see their child speak/perform live. Once their child's portion is finished they will return to their vehicle.**

- 6. Once we get to the portion of the ceremony with the diplomas we will allow families to come down to the field to watch their child walk across the stage. We will do 7 students at a time and each family will be allowed 3 people to come down to the field and get a picture of their child walking the stage. We understand this may take a while but we think it's really important that parents get to be there for this portion. There will be staff in the parking lot notifying families when they should make their way to the field. We will also have a golf cart available to give rides to people that need it. (Family members will also be required to wear a mask while they are out of their vehicle)**
- 7. After all the diplomas are done I will give my speech and then we have a nice surprise for our students.**
- 8. At the end of the surprise we will all sing the alma mater and then the exit march back through the parking lot and into the school. That will conclude our ceremony and students will then join their families in their vehicles.**