



BRISTOL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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Dear Parent,

I hope this message finds you safe & well. This letter is intended to be a brief update to the parents of eighth grade students who may be wondering what's going on with plans for the eighth grade promotion ceremony.

Here is what I know at this point:

- The virtual ceremony is planned to be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., which is the same day the traditional ceremony was scheduled to be held as per the approved school calendar.
- There will be a video slideshow beginning at 6:30 p.m. that will lead into the actual virtual ceremony. The video will showcase the students and their experiences at Bristol School during their time here.
- The virtual ceremony will encompass many pieces from what would have been the traditional ceremony. For example, there will be some student speeches and/or narration, teacher speeches and presentations of special awards, like Challenger Awards, American Legion Awards, Daughters of the American Revolution, Stock Market Award, and other various student recognition opportunities.
- There may be some logistical challenges and limitations in terms of integrating instrumental and/or vocal performances as part of the virtual program. Alternate plans are being discussed, just in case. I've heard some talk of a "surprise" video and, at this time, I'm unable to share anything more. I don't want to ruin any special surprises.
- I know that teachers want to add a personal touch with the delivery of yard signs. This should happen soon. We are waiting for the signs to arrive.
- Special T-shirts for the graduates and of course diplomas are being discussed. Plans for these post-graduation activities (e.g. pick-up or delivery, etc.) have not been solidified.

I know teachers have been communicating regularly with students in their hangout sessions and the topic of graduation has come up. I know everyone is getting excited. Please give your eighth grader a shout-out for me. Let them know, they are in our hearts and minds every day.

Warm regards,

Dr. David R. Milz