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To: All New Hanover County Students, Parents, and Graduation Attendees

Approximately one month from now, the New Hanover County Schools will host their high school graduation ceremonies at Trask Coliseum on the campus of UNCW. In order to ensure the safety of our graduates, their families, faculty, and all those in attendance of the upcoming 2019 graduation ceremonies, we are mandating that the following items not be allowed in the building or on the grounds:

Guns, ammunition, weapons, explosives, explosive devices, fireworks, any type of knives or other sharp objects, illicit drugs, alcohol, or any other item considered to be dangerous. These items will be seized and destroyed at the door, or you may be asked to return them to your vehicle.

Air horns, bells, and other noise makers will also not be allowed in the building. Additionally, the UNCW Event Management staff prohibit any type of balloon inside the Trask Coliseum. If you have any of these items when you approach the gate, you may be asked to return them to your vehicle.

Metal detectors will be used upon entry. Please limit the amount of carry-in items as they will need to be searched. Limiting these items will help to speed the screening process and allow attendees to be seated in a timely manner.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter. Your cooperation will assist the Sheriff's Office in providing a safe environment for all those involved in this celebration.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant J. L. Augst
New Hanover County Sheriff's Office
School Resource Officer Unit Commander