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

Approximately one month from now, New Hanover County Schools will host high school graduation ceremonies on their respective campuses. In order to ensure the safety of our graduates, their families, faculty, and all those in attendance at the upcoming 2021 graduation ceremonies, the Sheriff's Office, in partnership with New Hanover County Schools are mandating that the following items be prohibited at graduation venues consistent with North Carolina state law and/or school system policy:

Guns, ammunition, weapons, explosives, explosive devices, fireworks, knives of any type or other sharp objects, illicit drugs, alcohol, or any other item considered to be dangerous. These items will be seized and destroyed at the entry point, 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 venue. If you have any of these items when you approach the gate, you will 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 are subject to search. 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. It will assist the Sheriff's Office and New Hanover County Schools, providing a safe environment for all those involved in celebrating the achievements of the 2021 graduating class.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant C. L. Smith
New Hanover County Sheriff's Office
School Resource Officer Unit Commander