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Dear Seaford Families:

We hope this letter finds you all well and safe as we enter the last full week of instruction. This school year has certainly been unprecedented and unforgettable. As we emerge from the challenges associated with school closures due to COVID, we are enthusiastically awaiting our end of the year celebrations.

Moving Up and Graduation ceremonies will look differently from previous years but will provide us an opportunity to recognize our students' accomplishments. The Harbor Moving-Up Drive Through will take place on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Manor Moving Up Ceremony is on June 11<sup>th</sup> and the Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation is on June 12<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 15<sup>th</sup>). The Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2020 was rescheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Tilles Center. The location and size of the gathering will be subject to State issued guidelines. Please know that we are committed to celebrating our seniors.

Over the last few weeks, staff have been working diligently to gather and package your child's personal items. Hopefully you have been able to pick up your child's belongings and drop off school property such as books and calculators. Your cooperation toward this endeavor is greatly appreciated. All seniors should return their laptops and students in grades 6-11 should keep them over the summer. Parents of elementary students who have borrowed school devices will receive an email shortly on how to return their device.

We would like to share with you that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> we held the first meeting of our Task Force for the Reopening of Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The Task Force began the important work on creating a plan for September 2020. Towards that effort, please know that we will be reaching out to you for feedback and input through the form of a digital survey later in June. Please look for the announcement and complete it as all voices are important.

Lastly, as we watch the focus of the news move from COVID-19 to unrest in the streets of our nation, we are saddened. Regardless of one's political beliefs, the recent death of George Floyd is tragic. As a District, we remain committed to providing our students with an educational experience that includes character education and the importance of good citizenship. We will continue to promote the understanding that we live in a global society made up of many different people, all of whom are valued. We are proud of our students and their commitment to community service. Our District and community are characterized by the continual efforts of helping others. Service to others will continue to be a hallmark of a Seaford education.

In closing, we wish you well and hope that the summer months provide you opportunities to share joyous experiences with your families and friends.

Yours in Seaford Pride,

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