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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2025,

I am writing to inform you of an unexpected development regarding our upcoming Graduation Ceremonies in May. DVUSD was recently notified by State Farm Stadium that a larger event is being scheduled for the venue that will take precedence over our dates currently scheduled for May 15-16, 2025. This decision has impacted a number of school districts who have scheduled their respective ceremonies that week; so we are not alone in needing to make alternative arrangements.

While this situation is unfortunate, DVUSD and staff at all five of our high schools are committed to celebrating our graduating seniors and creating a memorable day for their families. We are pleased to announce all Graduation Ceremonies have been scheduled to take place at Desert Diamond Arena, located just north of State Farm Stadium, at 9400 W Maryland Ave., in Glendale. The Arena has a capacity of 19,000 and has appropriate parking and facilities to accommodate our events.

The date and starting times for each school's ceremony will remain the same. Jostens will be graciously producing an insert for the graduation announcements which will indicate the change in venue for the ceremonies.

I apologize for any inconvenience this change will cause you and your family and appreciate your patience as we work through this unexpected situation. We look forward to honoring the Class of 2025 and helping families celebrate this special achievement together!

Sincerely,

Gary D. Zehrbach, PhD
Deputy Superintendent - Administrative Leadership & Services
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Graduating lifelong learners who will successfully lead, compete, and positively impact the world.