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Dear Northfield Families,

 Well, as of this afternoon, the 2019-2020 school year has officially ended. Today, I want to thank everyone for helping us create experiences for our students that have made this most unusual year a memorable one for them. The videos from the Kindness Kidmittee in the elementary school, the public service announcement from one of our elementary students on how to make face masks, the drive-in movie, the home visits by our teachers to deliver cheer and materials, virtual ceremonies, and finally the 8th grade drive-by graduation are just a few examples of those positive experiences. I am sure many more memories were made in the regular and remote classrooms as well. As we enter into the summer months, the school will continue to work in preparation for next year and we will be sure to keep everyone informed. However, there are two matters pertaining to this year that I would like to share.

 The first is a **“save the date”** for a modified in-person graduation for our 8th grade students. Following the ever changing guidance regarding graduation ceremonies, we are elated to share that we will be having a modified in-person graduation on **Friday, July 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Mainland Regional High School football field. The rain date for the event will be on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The “who, what, and how” details of the event will be shared as we coordinate with health and police officials, as well as Mainland Regional High School. We will be communicating those details to the 8th grade families as soon as they are finalized.

 The second is the rescheduling of the Extended School Year/Tutoring program. The program will be rescheduled to July 27, 2020 through August 21, 2020. The reason for the rescheduling is to determine if we will be able to meet the necessary health and safety requirements of the recent announcement permitting in-person instruction for these programs. A final determination of the type of program (in-person or remote) will be made as soon as possible and the decision will be shared with participating families.

 In closing, I sincerely would like to thank everyone for sharing your children with us. It is an honor and a privilege to work with them and to see them become the fine young ladies and gentleman they have become.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Respectfully,



Pedro P. Bretones

Superintendent of Schools