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**FAQ REGARDING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR 2020 SENIORS**

This FAQ is specifically for our high school seniors, as their concerns are unique. As we proceed through these uncharted waters, please share your questions and concerns. We want to do our absolute best to create solutions that recognize our seniors while maintaining the safety of everyone involved. Please take the time to thoroughly read this document. We will continue to update it with both questions, and answers. Right now, we know we have more questions, than answers, but we want you to know they are on our list. This document reflects the most up to date information we have on 4/7/20.

1. How long will the closure last?
  - We do not know how long this closure will last, but as this continues to unfold, it is my opinion schools may not reopen this school year. The district continues to plan for multiple scenarios. (4/7/20)
  - **Governor Tom Wolf announced on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> that all K-12 Pennsylvania schools will be closed for the remainder of the 19-20 school year. (4/10/20)**
2. Is it possible that graduation will be on a later date? (Item updated on 4/7/20)
  - The Board discussed adhering to the current calendar last night. This includes keeping June 5<sup>th</sup> as a graduation date. This was recommended to go forward to the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
  - **The Board voted on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to keep graduation on June 5<sup>th</sup>. (Item updated on 4/13/20)**
3. Do we know what options we have for a graduation ceremony?
  - The following information came from the PA Department of Education on Friday. This was read at the CIT Committee Meeting last night.

Schools may hold virtual high school graduation and other traditional end of school year ceremonies during the COVID-19 closure. The safety and security of all students and school community are a priority for the commonwealth and all chief school administrators. Currently, restrictions on gatherings larger than ten people and aggressive social distancing recommendations are in place across the commonwealth. When closure restrictions are lifted by the Governor, LEAs may consider the appropriateness of holding such gatherings.

- At the CIT Committee Meeting on 4/6/2020, the Superintendent also stated we would move forward with planning several options, as we do not yet know what the restrictions will be at the time of graduation. The Superintendent stated we would have to proceed with a Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C.
- The district is currently making a list of potential options that are being gathered to see what is feasible and what is permissible by the CDC and PDE.

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4. I was counting on a spring sport for my PE credit, will I still be able to do this?
  - There are two options to obtain the .25 PE credit from this year's spring sport only.
    - Complete the Phase 3A Application-Based Project designed by the high school physical education teachers. This will be provided on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 and are due no later than Friday, May 22, 2020. Late projects will result in a lesser percentage grade.
    - If you were a multi-sport athlete between the grades 9 through 12, work with your building principal, school counselor, and/or athletic director to confirm the additional sport in which you competed and finished. For the Class of 2020 only, that sport will be accepted as your additional .25 credit.
  
5. How will this closure impact my GPA and class rank?
  - As long as all students complete their Phase 3A application based projects, class rank should not change from the order you were at the end of the third marking period (March 13, 2020).
  - The majority of GPA's will increase if you complete your Phase 3A application based projects as you will receive a 100% as your fourth marking period grade for each course you took during the 2019-2020 school year. Please adhere to the Continuity Plan of Education and the timeline of events so your GPA and class rank are not impacted.
  
6. What do I do if I am currently failing a class?
  - If you know you are currently failing a class during your senior year, it is important to reach out to your building principal and school counselor. Work with the building principal and school counselor to analyze the course(s) you are failing and the percentage you would need in order to pass that class for the year.
  - If you are mathematically incapable of passing a class for the 2019-2020 school year, talk with your building principal and school counselor options to make up the course(s) you have failed.
  
7. **Will there still be senior awards?**
  - **Senior awards will still be distributed.**
  - **At this point, we do not know how this will be done.**
  
8. **I paid for my cap and gown. Will we still receive it?**
  - **Yes, you will.**
  - **We don't know how they will be distributed, yet, but as we get closer to graduation, information will be coming from your principal.**
  
9. **Will there be a refund for spring sports?**
  - **Now that we are sure spring sports will not occur at all, yes, there will be refunds.**
  - **We are working through the specifics this week.**
  
10. **I have things in my locker that I would like to have. When will we be able to pick them up?**
  - **We are in the process of planning how this will work. Once we determine the best way to do this, your building principals will be in touch with a timeline and a plan.**

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- This is likely going to look different for different grade levels. High school students are likely going to need things from their lockers first.
- Due to social distancing guidelines in place right now, students will not be permitted to enter the building.

**11. I paid for my yearbook. Will we still receive it?**

- Yearbooks are on track and submitted from each school.
- That being said, we are hearing there may be some delays, as those companies printing the yearbooks are operating with less employees.

**12. Will there be a refund for spring trips / senior trips?**

- We are in the process of determining what trips had “pre-payments”, and then what deposits can be returned to each group or organization.
- Once we know what can be recovered, we will process refunds.

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