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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

The Elizabeth Public Schools certainly have much to celebrate with the many accomplishments of our schools, students, teachers and staff. We are excited to share that Governor Murphy today said: “Beginning July 6th, schools will have the opportunity to hold outdoor graduation ceremonies that comply with social distancing.”

The governor said the Commissioner of Education will provide details, tomorrow, Wednesday, May 27th. We eagerly await guidance from the Department of Education tomorrow. Any decision on graduation ceremonies will be guided by the same priority we set at the outset of the pandemic: protecting the health of our students, teachers and staff.

This is obviously an evolving situation. We appreciate your patience and flexibility. The Covid-19 pandemic has posed enormous challenges to our schools and community. Together, in partnership, we continue to meet the challenges.

We know as well that this is an emotional time. We look forward to providing a **safe** memorable celebration that recognizes and honors the many accomplishments of our schools, teachers, staff and students. We will provide more details in the coming days.

Stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

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