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Dear PVUSD Seniors and Parents

We have heard you and are pleased to announce the outcome of our Senior Class of 2020 Graduation Survey. We are overwhelmed with joy to be able to honor all the hard work of our students in spectacular ways.

Over 800 responses to the survey were received and we are happy to share the results: 41% Postpone a Physical Graduation Ceremony (Winter/Spring of 2021), 46% Virtual Graduation, and 13% Cancel Graduation.

Therefore, we will be celebrating the entire PVUSD Senior Class of 2020 with: a Virtual Graduation, a Drive Thru Distribution Event, and a Physical Graduation Reunion in Winter or Spring of 2021. These activities will take place at school sites and throughout our community. All graduation plans along with others throughout the County were reviewed for approval by the County Health Department to ensure compliance with Local Shelter in Place and State Stay at Home orders to safeguard our collective health and safety.

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez
Superintendent of Schools

We received approval to allow students and families to participate in a festive drive thru event in which members of the Senior Class of 2020 are celebrated and receive a "Graduation Swag Bag" that contains caps, gowns, diploma covers, accomplishment medals/stoles, and family yard decoration signs. As a result of the County approval for the event, students will therefore be able to wear their caps, gowns, and accomplishments for their virtual graduation photos.

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We will also be cheering on our 1,179 graduates through the launch of an official "Lights On Grads" and Yard/Door Decoration Event in which families and community members will be encouraged to decorate their yards, front doors, and use outdoor lights or hanging lights to symbolize their support for the Senior Class of 2020. In addition, we will be providing yard signs to the families of graduates and placing banners throughout our community.

This is an unprecedented time and we acknowledge the communal loss of how we have traditionally celebrated and honored our graduates. In this unique moment, we look forward to rolling out a series of graduation events to highlight this very special and highly resilient Senior Class. Keep an eye out for more information on how you can play a role in supporting the launch of our 2020 seniors at each PVUSD high school into the next part of their amazing life journey!

Kristen Shouse
Assistant Superintendent of Secondary