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Re: Graduating Class of 2020 & Be the Light

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has made an impact on everyone's lives. It has brought about a time of reflection for many. An event that has been sweeping the country is "Be the Light" campaign. Schools across the nation have turned on their football field lights for one evening for 20 minutes. This gesture represents an opportunity to reflect on our students, in particular our 2020 graduating class.

In last night's School Board Meeting, the Board gave direction for our school district and community to participate in this event.

We have listed a few ideas that all of us may want to reflect upon during this community event sponsored by the school district.

- Sorrow and prayers for those who have been impacted at many levels by the pandemic.
- At a school level, our athletes in baseball, softball, and track and field have not been able to compete in these events that they have worked hard and hoped to be able to participate. Going into the season, these teams showed great promise and were sure to be State competition bound. We want to recognize their efforts and the loss of their ability to compete so far this season.

- Our music program will most likely not be able to hold their spring concert. The students have put their time and effort into developing these skills to enrich themselves and our community.
- We also want to recognize the 2020 graduating class. They have forgone many of the events and celebrations that are associated with the end of their senior year. While we do not know at this time how their graduation will be affected, we do want to celebrate the education efforts they have made for the past 13 years.

This Friday (4/10/2020) at 8:20 pm (20:20), we will turn on the football field lights for 20 minutes to recognize, reflect, and celebrate those things mentioned above as well as other areas important to each individual. If you attend and take a picture to post to social media, please use #BeTheLightID to share your images.

It is important to note that we are asking that **there be no public gatherings at or near our football field**. We invite those interested to drive by or park (remaining in your cars) as you reflect and celebrate. Thank you for your help and your compliance with this request as we celebrate together.

Sincerely,

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