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To LJHS 8th Grade Parents & Students:

I certainly hope everyone is doing as well as can be expected during this crazy and unpredictable time. To begin, I must say that this was certainly not the ending of your 8th grade year that I, or anyone for that matter, could have envisioned when we started back in August. With that being said, I would first like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the Lincoln Junior High School faculty and staff, to express our sincere gratitude to both parents and students for your patience and understanding, especially during the Remote Learning Days throughout the fourth quarter. We all had things thrown at us that we have never prepared for, or signed up for in the first place, but we all managed to survive intact. I cannot begin to thank the LJHS community (parents, teachers, students, & staff) enough for their collaborative efforts throughout this unrepresented time.

The reason for my letter is to try and provide everyone with some information about upcoming events/dates that are specific to our 8th graders only. **Please keep in mind that the details I am going to provide below are tentative. They are constantly changing due to various government mandates that are being provided to us by the Illinois State Board of Education.** I know there will be questions, many of which I will be unable to answer at this point, but feel free to contact me at (217) 732-3535 or email me at mworkman@lincoln27.net and I will be happy to discuss any matter with you.

To begin, a graduation date has been set for Thursday, June 18th, 2020, starting at 5:00 p.m. at LJHS. At the present time, there are simply too many changing variables in order to provide you with specifics of what the graduation ceremony/recognition will look like exactly. I will only ask for your continued patience moving forward. What I can tell you, with 100% certainty, is that our 8th graders will be recognized in some capacity on this date. There will be specific details to follow once they become available. I will then get this information out to you as quickly as possible.

8th grade students will also be receiving recognition for any awards (academic, board scholar, student of the month, etc.) that they earned this year. The details of when and how this will take place will be provided when final graduation details are sent home.

Finally, due to the financial hardship and uncertainty caused by this pandemic, I am happy to inform each of you that the district has agreed to purchase every 8th grade student's graduation gown at no cost to either the student or parents. Please make arrangements to pick up your child's gown during the chromebook/personal belongings exchange scheduled at LJHS this Friday, May 22nd, 2020, from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. If this time does not work for you, the LJHS office is now open from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. M-F until the end of June. Please feel free to stop in and get your child's gown at a time that is convenient for you.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Please stay safe and congratulations to the LJHS Class of 2020.

Sincerely,

Michael Workman

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