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Greetings Bentley Families of Graduating Seniors,

Graduation is upon us – next Thursday, July 30th – and we are preparing for the momentous occasion! We made our original plans to host commencement on the football field when we believed we would be in phase 5 of the pandemic and could have more than a hundred people together outside for an event. Currently, this is not the case.

Therefore, we will host a drive-in-theater style commencement in front of Bentley High School, and our families will be able to view it from their vehicles in the parking lot between the middle and high schools. Additionally, this new plan allows graduates to have more family present as each family will have two parking spots.

We will have an FM transmitter broadcasting to your vehicle on channel 97.7 so that everyone can easily hear the ceremony. Additionally, it will be live-streamed on the Bentley Facebook and YouTube pages so that anyone may watch it on a device from anywhere. Directions to access the streams will be posted on the district website by Tuesday.

Bentley High School Graduation Information:

- Date: Thursday, July 30th, 2020
- Time:
 - Arrival beginning at 5:15 p.m.
 - Commencement 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Location: Bentley High School

Other Important Information:

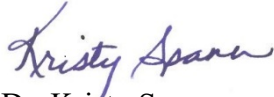
- There will be no Honors Night this year. All awards will be presented to the students at graduation and each individual student will be acknowledged for their accomplishments during the ceremony.
- Graduates will be lining up in alphabetical order. Mr. Dickerson will invite approximately nine students and their parent(s) to the stage area at a time while Pomp and Circumstance plays, and they will be socially distanced on the sidewalk on the east end of the stage. Mr. Dickerson will announce a graduate. The graduate will go on stage while the parent(s) are on the sidewalk where they can take pictures. Please note that Mrs. Gaby will also be taking pictures this year, as she did last year. Those pictures will be emailed to each student within a week. The graduate and their parent(s) will join each other again at the other end of the stage and return to their vehicle. Once the first group is

completed, the next group of nine students will be invited to the stage area while Pomp and Circumstance plays. We will continue in this manner until all students are recognized.

- There will be no guest speaker this year. Instead, each of the senior class officers will be able to give their 'reflection' speech. This is a tradition that we did not want our seniors to miss. As a result, we will be incorporating this special tradition into the graduation ceremony.
- All students will still be able to give 'shout-outs' as they have in the past.
- Although there will be no band this year, all musical selections will be played as outlined in the graduation program.
- A weather date is planned for Friday, July 31st, 2020, with all the times being the same. We will make a decision on Wednesday, July 29th, 2020, if it appears the weather will cause an issue with our current graduation plans.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping to make this a great event for the Class of 2020!

Go Bulldogs!



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