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April 3, 2020

Dear Maroon Knights:

I hope that you and your families are safe and doing well. Life as we knew it, just a short few weeks ago, has certainly changed. It would not be unusual for us to become anxious, nervous and upset over these circumstances. Perhaps one of the primary causes for these feelings is the sense of the "unknown." How long will it be before we return to school? Will we still have Spring Sports? Will we have Regents Exams? Is the school year ending before June? What does all of this mean for graduation? These are just a few of the questions for which, as of today, we do not have answers.

There are some things, however, that we do know. These include the following:

- The Governor has ordered that schools are to remain closed until April 15. You should, therefore, plan to return to school on April 15. If the Governor makes any changes to this, we will certainly let you know.
- 2. April 6 10, 13, was our scheduled Spring Beak. The Governor has, basically cancelled Spring Break and directed that instruction is to continue during that time period. You should, therefore, continue to receive instructional materials from your teachers.
- 3. Section III Athletics had previously indicated that Spring Sports would start April 14. That was, however, before the Governor's directive to reopen school on April 15. We are waiting for additional information to come from Section III officials regarding the start date for Spring Athletics.
- 4. As of today, there is discussion occurring at the State Education Department regarding the status of the Regents Exams. Will we still have them? Will the test dates change? If we don't have them, how will grades be calculated? We are waiting for guidance from the State Education Department. As soon as that guidance is received, we will let you know.

A message to the Class of 2020:

I cannot begin to imagine how difficult these circumstances are for you. I know you entered your Senior Year with all the excitement and enthusiasm that becoming a Senior brings. Homecoming. Senior Days. Senior Recognitions. Yearbook. The Prom. Senior Trip. Graduation. Every one of you started this school year anticipating having all of these.... And so much more. And now, so much is in question.

I am so sorry. I am so sorry for the disappointments and anxiety that you have experienced. I am sorry that the circumstances that currently have so negatively impacted our great nation, are also having a more locally focused negative impact as well.

I would, however, like to take a few moments and ask you to consider the following:

- 1. The faculty and staff of our school district sincerely love you and care for you and your families. You are important to us. Our spirit and support are with you now and always.
- 2. We live in wonderful communities; communities that truly care about you and your families. People in our communities have always stepped up to help each other in times of need. That is so clearly evident now.
- 3. The Frankfort-Schuyler community is with you. Please do not hesitate to reach out, at any time, if we can be of assistance. You are not alone during these difficult times.
- 4. Please know that we are continuing to plan for your Graduation. We are planning for it to take place, as scheduled. We are planning for the Prom, the Athletic, Honors and Music Banquets to take place. We still anticipate that the Senior trip will happen.

We are <u>not</u> giving up on these activities. Please understand, however, that circumstances beyond our control may still occur that could affect these activities. If that happens, we will certainly let you know.

We \underline{will} get through this. We are a strong community. We can accomplish so much when we come together, and share with one another and help one another. We are F-S STRONG!

Please know that we love you and miss being with you in school. We eagerly anticipate your return. Our belief in each and every one of you; and the love and support that we hold for you, continues.

Please accept my best wishes for you and your family, as we all come together to deal with these difficult circumstances. Please never hesitate to reach out to us. We are here for you.

Be Well!

Sincerely,

Robert F. Rena

Superintendent of Schools

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