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Dear Class of 2020,

I am certain you are feeling a myriad of emotions right now. This is not how you envisioned your senior year. No one understands and empathizes with your disappointment more than our teachers and staff across the school district.

We have watched you take your first steps into our classrooms, grow to find your purpose, and work hard to pursue your dreams. We are so proud of each and every one of you, and that is why we cannot imagine sending you into the world without a proper celebration.

Our high schools are working on plans for this April and May to recognize your many talents, contributions, and legacy. Additionally, they are rescheduling proms and senior week events to occur in late July when hopefully large groups are permitted to gather again. More details will be shared by your school principal via video message the week of April 13.

Additionally, we have rescheduled graduation as follows at the Infinite Energy Center:

July 30, 2020	July 31, 2020
9 am Denmark HS	9 am Forsyth Central HS
2 pm Lambert HS	2 pm West Forsyth HS
7 pm South Forsyth HS	7 pm North Forsyth HS

Our schools will also be holding virtual graduations on May 26 for those students that are unable to attend the July graduation ceremonies. Schools will be releasing more details about virtual graduations the week of April 13.

We recognize that moving graduation, prom and senior week events to later this summer may create some unforeseen inconveniences and decisions, but it was important for us to offer these traditional face-to-face events for those that wish to/are able to participate. Without a doubt, these extraordinary times have prompted unprecedented but necessary changes in every aspect of our lives.

After a much-needed Spring Break, please continue to pursue your studies with fervor. Lean on the friends and family who have always supported you. Have patience with each other. And know that we, your teachers and staff, will continue to be here for you. You are truly a special class and this experience will make us as individuals and as a country, stronger and more resilient than ever before.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jeff Bearden, Superintendent