

March 27, 2020

Dear Hampstead 8th Graders and their Parents,

I am sure that by now you might have questions about the status of your end of year 8th grade activities with respect to when we might be able to return to our classrooms. Events like the sports awards, Awards Day, the Hawks Awards, and the 8th grade graduation ceremony are slated for the months ahead. I understand you have watched 8th grade classes before you celebrate with such activities and you have looked forward to your turn...and so now it's your turn.

The truth is, we are living in a time that provides zero assurances for timelines with respect to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a lot of speculation out there as to when areas of the country will resume public activities. No one knows for sure, at least not as of today's date.

With that being said, I want you to know that as your Superintendent, I will do what I can to safeguard your 8th grade end of year activities. I will consider modifying timelines, as well as other strategies. I cannot promise that every activity will be safe; but I can promise that I will do my best to save as much as I can.

In the big picture, it is not how you celebrate your accomplishments in 8th grade that sets the tone for your future accomplishments in high school; that tone is set by your determination to keep your eyes on the possibilities and opportunities ahead. I have every confidence of your future successes as I am fully aware of the supportive families that comprise the Hampstead community.

Sincerely,



Dr. Earl Metzler,
Superintendent of Schools