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Update #12 Class of 2021 Activities

April 22, 2021

Dear Class of 2021 students and families:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the Class of 2021 senior activities and graduations.

Each comprehensive high school has over 500 graduating seniors, totaling 2,114 Murrieta Valley USD graduates! We are so proud of the resilience, flexibility, intelligence, and courage our Class of 2021 has shown during this pandemic. The health and safety of our students and their families remain a priority for our District, as does honoring and celebrating our seniors.

As communicated on April 8, we are excited to confirm that all MVUSD high schools will have an in-person graduation. Each graduating senior will be given four (4) tickets. Tickets will be distributed at the senior check-out. Tickets are distributed based on the <a href="CDPH graduation guidance">CDPH graduation guidance</a> and venue capacity limitations outlined in the <a href="CDPH Outdoor Seated Live Events">CDPH Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances Guidance</a> (orange tier). Additionally, each high school will live-stream the graduation. A link for friends and family to join will be provided as the date approaches.

There are several events (attached to this communication) planned for our seniors. A sample of the events occurring at each comprehensive high school includes senior rally, senior awards, senior sunset, senior parade through designated parade routes, and in-person graduation.

Planning a District sponsored prom remains prohibitive, as we must adhere to the <u>Private Venues and Party guidance</u>. The guidance places limitations on number of attendees, physical distancing, and requires mandatory COVID-19 testing and/or proof of vaccination from our students, staff, and chaperones.

Also attached to this communication is information on a non-district sponsored event for our seniors. While the high schools in MVUSD have been given permission to share information that parks such as Universal Studios are advertising for seniors, the District and its high schools shall **not be liable for any participation in Grad Nite** events that seniors schedule and attend on their own this year.

Any event (Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Private Parties) that a senior chooses to schedule and attend on their own will not have any MVUSD representatives or administrators present at the event. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to arrange attendance and transportation to and from the event and ensure the safety of their student. As a reminder, Disneyland and Six Flags are not hosting any Grad Nite options for graduating seniors this year.

As difficult as this year has been, we are encouraged by the Class of 2021. We acknowledge and empathize with the challenges they have faced this past year and half. We are confident that our Class of 2021 are leaders who are destined to succeed in their chosen path!

Thank you for your patience and understanding this school year. We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2021.