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Update on Graduation and Moving Up Ceremonies Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Over the past several weeks, our high school principal at Proctor and the middle school principals at JFK and Donovan have been meeting with their staff, including the class advisors, to plan for end of the year ceremonies including graduation and moving up.

I have instructed the principals and their staff to plan for three options with contingencies which include:

- In-person indoor ceremony
- In-person outdoor ceremony
- Drive through ceremony

Planning must take into account the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health mandatory requirements for mass gatherings which continue to be very stringent.

There will be some form of graduation and moving up ceremonies at the end of the year. The plan option chosen by the school district will take into consideration the COVID-19 environment along with the mandatory health and safety requirements at the time. Most importantly, the plan option chosen will be based on our ability to provide for the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and their families.

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