

In this last email I'd like to address how our school's plans for senior celebrations work in conjunction with the Alameda County Health Department's Shelter-in-Place order.

First, we believe that every student and family needs to establish their own health needs as the foremost priority. If, for any reason, you feel you are unable to attend the events that we have planned, then we support that decision. The virus that causes COVID-19 is highly transmissible and dangerously unpredictable. Our plans have been created with safety as the top priority, but the safest situation possible is to shelter-in-place entirely at home. Without question, we support the decision of any student or family that chooses that option.

Second, our plans are in full compliance with the "Alameda County Public Health Department COVID-19 Guidance for Graduation & Diploma Pick-Up" dated May 11, 2020. I have attached that document as a reference. Our plans have been reviewed by the Alameda County Public Health Department and found to be in compliance with their guidelines.

Third, each and every person involved in our events – students, teachers, staff, principals – holds individual responsibility for complying with both the law and our local plans. As much as we may want to hug or take selfies with our friends or our teachers or shake hands with people we haven't seen in months, the second that happens is the second we are no longer in compliance with the order of the health department. It would be possible that we would have to shut down the entire series of events at that point.

That brings me to the last and most important point: **If at any point a student or an adult deliberately violates our social distancing guidelines, that person will immediately be required to leave the event and will not be allowed at any further graduation events.** The diploma will be mailed home. We will have staff and police officers on hand to help us remain in compliance.

Our plans have been created in cooperation with Livermore High School, our district office, and the Alameda County Public Health Department. Our Student Resource Officers are aware of our plans and will be present to provide assistance as needed. Many people have had to work hard to get permission to celebrate our seniors in the ways that we have planned. The guidelines are serious, and we take them seriously. A moment of thoughtlessness would jeopardize the celebrations for everybody and put the health of others at risk.

I know from experience that moments of seriousness and import are actually the times when Granada students are most successful. Granada PRIDE is a real thing, and I look forward to our community coming together to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates in a manner that is respectful, safe, fun, and healthy.