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Graduation Survey

Dear Peru Graduating Seniors and families,

As Mr. Berry and I discussed with our students and their families on Thursday, June 11th in the Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting concerning graduation, we had alternative plans for graduation. After receiving our survey results from our seniors that they overwhelmingly stated they wanted something other than what was originally described with the fairgrounds being the graduation venue. That message was loud and clear.

Things have changed again as Governor Cuomo has changed the restrictions for graduation. Governor Cuomo's latest order:

Today, we are announcing that outdoor, socially distanced graduation of up to 150 people will be allowed beginning June 26.

Subject to any outbreak or significant changes

Based on the latest information as of 6/9/20, we are sending another survey to our seniors to allow them to have a voice in their graduation. We have put together four plans and asking our seniors to select one plan that they would like for this year's graduation. We truly want a great graduation for our students under these pretenses, but always in compliance with the executive orders we are given to work within. Mr. Berry will be sending out a survey today to receive direction from our seniors on which type of ceremony they would like for graduation.

- Keep the present format of the Drive Through Format on the Peru Campus and families can be in the vehicle with the graduate. They will be able to get out the car and take pictures of the graduate as they walk across the stage. You will be able to see your friends graduate.
- Graduates will be placed in groups of (3) three groups of 45 with 2 guests for each graduate. A ceremony will be repeated for all three groups. Groups will be determined by the Administration.
- All Graduates will be on campus for graduation and sitting in chairs 6' x 6" apart and there will be not guests allowed on campus. It will be televised by video streaming for families to see.

- Graduates will be placed in groups of (2) two groups of 67 with 1 guest for each graduate. A ceremony will be repeated for both groups. Groups will be determined by the Administration.

- **ALL GRADUATION CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE AT THIS TIME**

- **Please understand that these plans are subject to change based on the recommendations of the Governor of New York, New York State Health Department of the Clinton County Health Department.**

- **The Clinton County's PRIORITY objective is protecting the people of Clinton County from COVID19 infection, they truly hope that all our staff and parents of graduating seniors in the Peru School District will remember all the sacrifice and hard-work we (as the public in Clinton County) have done social distancing, wearing face coverings, and minimizing social gatherings to decrease the infection potential of COVID-19 in our communities.**

Thank you,

Thomas Palmer Ed.D.