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Dear Franklin High School Seniors and Parents:

CONGRATULATIONS, Franklin High School's Class of 2017!

Your student's high school experience is now ending and it is time to celebrate. This mailing contains some critical information about upcoming senior events and answers to Commonly Asked Questions.

See enclosed sheet for information about sanctioned senior events. Senior Prom, FHS Awards Night, Quaker Day, Graduation Rehearsals, Senior Brunch, Graduation, and Senior Check Out are the only school approved Senior Events.

MANDATORY REHEARSALS FOR ALL GRADUATING SENIORS: Friday, June 16th, 9:00 AM in the gym and Monday, June 19th, 9:00AM in the gym. **STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND THESE REHEARSALS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY!** For extreme circumstances and scheduling conflicts, please contact your counselor at 252-6217 to pre-arrange an absence from rehearsal.

All Community Service hours, HS and beyond Plans and Requests for PE/OCC ED waivers must be completed and turned in to the counseling office no later than Friday, May 12th, 2017.

FHS annuals will be distributed after school on Friday June 9th, for students who have pre-paid. For those who wish to purchase them the cost is \$80.00 with or without ASB. Any questions, please call Lisa Rice at 252-6209.

SENIOR EXAMS & CLOSING CHECKOUT WEEK:

June 13th and 14th Senior Exams: Full attendance is required both days.

June 15th Make up Exams, Senior Checkout.

June 16th Friday 9:00 AM and **June 19th** Monday 9:00 AM: Mandatory graduation rehearsals!

June 19th Graduation! 8:00 PM @ Memorial Stadium, 401 5th Ave N. Seniors are to be lined up for processional at Memorial Stadium **no later than 6:45 PM in order to participate** in the ceremony.

*Note: Fines must be paid by May 12th. Unpaid fines will result in students not participating in the Graduation Ceremony!

SENIOR PROM: You must be a student in good standing in order to attend the senior prom. That is, you must have fewer than 10 unexcused absences for the entire year. Further, you must be passing at least 5 of your 6 classes both semesters. (Of course, we wish you to be passing ALL of your classes but you must be passing at least 5 of them to be prom eligible.)

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS: Monday, June 19th, 2017.

CAPS AND GOWNS will be distributed on the first mandatory rehearsal on June 16th. We make sure that each student has all components and proper sizes of their graduation attire. National Achievers will have a representative at our rehearsal to assist with troubleshooting issues. Students may not wear additional items with the exception of honor cords and official sashes issued by Franklin and **approved by Franklin Instructional Council**. Students may wear Hawaiian leis, Kente cloth, or other cultural adornments consistent with graduation and approved by IC. Inappropriate attire will be removed from students in the line-up prior to marching onto Memorial field.

OFFICIAL DIPLOMAS will be issued after **FINAL GRADES** are recorded and seniors have successfully completed all aspects of Senior Check Out. Diplomas will be mailed to homes through US mail provided fines and fees are all paid. Please make sure we have an accurate address on file. For those Seniors that need a final official transcript, please provide the counseling office a stamped addressed envelope to the college or university you will be attending with your name clearly printed in the lower left corner by Thursday, June 15th. There will be a box outside of the Counseling office for you to place your envelopes in. Transcripts will be mailed as soon as final grades are processed and seniors are cleared. Seniors who disrupt the formal nature of this ceremony in any way will be required to complete a community service requirement prior to the diploma being released.

Graduation privileges, college acceptances, and scholarships may be revoked for failing grades and disciplinary actions. Students receiving failing grades in classes needed to graduate will be notified. School does not officially end for seniors until June 19. Students who are disruptive during rehearsals, graduation, or other FHS events may jeopardize their ability to receive their diploma and officially graduate.

Graduation is a ceremony and a celebration. Official Diplomas are awarded ***after*** seniors successfully fulfill all requirements and expectations. As you know this is an incredibly exciting and important time in the lives of all of us, especially you and your seniors. Please help us remind the seniors it is a critical time to be good citizens and strong scholars. We would be greatly saddened for the student who has worked hard to get this far and “blows it” by making poor choices so close to the end. The Class of 2016 presented the Franklin community with a ceremony that has been regarded as the most outstanding Franklin graduation ceremony in the memories of the current Franklin community. We look forward to the Class of 2017 meeting or exceeding the standard of excellence that we have maintained for many years.

I continually hear from staff and community members what a wonderful group this year’s seniors are. We are all so proud of your accomplishments and are eager to join you in celebration in these final senior events.

Again, congratulations,

Dr. Jennifer Wiley, Franklin High School Principal