



Audubon Public Schools

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Dear Audubon School Family:

I would like to once again express my appreciation to our administrative team, board members, faculty, guardians, parents, staff, and students for their patience, perseverance, and positivity over the course of the 2019-2020 school year. When school opened in the fall and even after returning in January, no one could have predicted or imagined the last three months. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work together with the Audubon community in order to support one another through these unprecedented times.

I would like to thank all of the faculty, staff, community members, and students that helped to make the following end-of-year celebrations possible:

- [Second Grade Farewell Video - Students \(18 min\)](#)
- [Second Grade Farewell Video - Faculty & Staff \(15 min\)](#)
- [Sixth Grade Awards \(25 min\)](#)
- [Sixth Grade Promotion \(20 min\)](#)
- [Eight Grade Teacher Messages to Students \(7 min\)](#)
- [Eight Grade Moving Up Ceremony \(22 min\)](#)
- [Senior Spotlights \(15 min\)](#)
- [Senior Farewell \(Award\) Ceremony \(21 min\)](#)
- [Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony \(154 min\)](#)

Last evening, I was able to watch the culminating Class of 2020 virtual-commencement ceremony in the backyard of dear friends. The seniors, parents, and loved ones in attendance enjoyed and appreciated the pomp and circumstance of the pre-taped event. The group laughed and cheered on the graduates as they walked across the field and shared personal anecdotes about many of the students and their families. I was most touched by how many personal stories were shared in this small gathering. Audubon is a tight-knit community.

On June 9, 2020, Governor Murphy shared his tweet and spoke about an *anticipated* increase in the limits of attendees at outdoor gatherings to 500 after June 22, 2020. I, as well as many of our community members, hoped and thought we would be able to host an in-person ceremony in July; however, there are too many uncertainties to host such an event. There are issues of responsibility and liability to consider. My first charge as superintendent is to consider and assure the health and safety of our guests, faculty, staff, and students. Unfortunately, we will not be hosting an in-person commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020. If you missed the broadcast from last evening, you may access the video above. All seniors will be receiving a DVD of the event.

As of June 22, 2020 the outside school facilities will be accessible to our students and community members. These areas include the high school track, tennis courts, and ball fields and the elementary playgrounds. Bathroom facilities will not be open at this time. Facility access does not include organized district or community teams. We are awaiting additional guidance from the Governor and the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association in regards to team play and access. Recent communications suggest that updates may occur as soon as July 13, 2020. Current health-related Department of Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and directives from the Governor's office must be followed when using these facilities (e.g. general health protocols, personal protective equipment, social-distancing).

If families need any assistance or support over the summer, please remember, we are here for you. There is additional information and guidance provided on the District website - COVID-19. Please feel free to reach out to your child(ren)'s principal and/or me if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions.

Andrew P. Davis

In partnership with our students, families, and communities, the Audubon Public Schools will educate all students by providing motivating and challenging learning experiences embedded in technology that prepare them to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels, in a safe setting of mutual respect, in order to develop ethical, productive citizens who will contribute to the local and global community.