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# LETTERS FROM PRINCIPAL DEIGNAN

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Dear DV Community,

I hope your week has been safe and healthy. Per the [most recent update from our Teaching & Learning Department](#), we have much distance learning ahead of us through the end of the year. Please pay close attention to the [Student Expectations for Working Online in Tempe Union](#) so that you can support your student in doing what she/he is supposed to be doing while putting forth his/her best effort. We certainly understand the frustration with some [Schoolology issues](#), but those are factors beyond our control. Do your best to work around those issues when they arise.

One thing we can control is beginning the planning for graduation 2020, which starts in earnest this week. We've been in touch with some key stakeholders to start discussions on options, formats, etc. Of course, federal and state recommendations and/or limitations on social gatherings will influence what the end product will be. In the end, our graduates will be honored! Parent and community support will inevitably be solicited on this as creativity will be in need. Unprecedented times call for unprecedented action.

There have been some inquiries about accessing personal items at school and returning equipment/materials from students to school. At this point, we are delaying these exchanges until we feel there is a safe and appropriate way to do this. Items on our campus are secure and will continue to be so, and we ask that you do the same for anything you have that belongs to Desert Vista until we communicate further.

Most importantly right now, please pay close attention to the social emotional wellness of your student. Resources like [Greater Good](#) may assist in having conversations about keeping things in perspective and being hopeful in this difficult time. These suggestions have been provided through the work of our [#Ivegot something better](#) initiative. Thank you for taking an active role in talking through these times with your child. As always, we're in this together. Have a wonderful weekend.

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