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Dear DV Community,

It appears that we are going to make it to the virtual finish line for 2019/2020! Thank you students and parents for your perseverance and understanding as we all navigated together these unique circumstances in which we found ourselves. There is a lot happening this coming week, so here is a quick summary:

Item Return (books, etc) and personal item pick up for all DV students:

Having had an opportunity for seniors to drop off books and pick up personal items on campus earlier this week, we now have a good system for this to extend to the rest of the school. Ms. White-Nielsen sent out a [message for all students](#) to sign up for a spot, per alpha order, between Monday, May 18th and Wednesday, May 20th. We ask all students/parents to sign up for their spot and take care of business for closing up the school year in this way. On the sign-up sheet, there are options for a few different times as space allows. Don't delay.

Senior Send Off Day, Thursday, May 21st:

For seniors, this is the opportunity to come to school to pick up that hard earned diploma and yearbook while taking care of any unfinished business (still have textbooks to drop off?). The [message about Senior Send Off Day on May 21st](#) that was sent out on Wednesday details the event and provides the link to sign up for your spot. It will again be in drive through format, but we intend to have a celebratory atmosphere to let our grads know how much we appreciate them! Don't miss it!

DV Graduation Thursday, May 21st at 7 PM:

Our Class of 2020 graduation ceremony will be hosted on Facebook and YouTube, promptly starting at 7pm (MST) on May 21st. You may tune in, sit back and enjoy! The video will be available to view on our school website at <https://www.tempeunion.org/DV-graduation>. A YouTube video will appear on this page as we draw closer to the date of graduation.

The video will also be available to view on our official school Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DesertVista/>. A direct link to the Facebook Live will be sent as we get closer to the date of graduation. The video will be available to view at anytime once the live video has

completed. The virtual graduation ceremony has been filmed and edited over the past few weeks to celebrate our Class of 2020. The pre-recorded video will premiere at 7pm (MST) on May 21st and we hope you'll join us in celebrating our seniors!

As far as other events in the future, we are still holding our [DV Summer Math Academy](#) albeit in a modified, virtual format that responds nicely to the times. Given that things change almost daily with the effects of COVID-19, our staff is already hard at work developing contingency plans for whatever instructional model that is most appropriate to implement as August approaches. Local, state, and national guidelines will influence the options that our district considers for fall. Obviously, there is much more to come on that. In the meantime, we are fully closed to include teams and clubs until we are given further direction from our district personnel. I know that there are active conversations occurring as we speak about how recent changes to state limitations may affect summer participation. We ask for your patience as our TUHSD personnel make thoughtful, safe decisions on how to proceed. We will communicate accordingly when we have more information to share.

Finally, please join me in thanking and congratulating our three Desert Vista retiring staff members: John Olson (librarian), Elaine Padilla (special educator), Tracy Mackey (math teacher). The dedication and years of service from these three has been greatly appreciated and we wish them the best in their retirements. Have a wonderful weekend, DV! Go Thunder!

Mr. D.