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Dear DV Community,

Happy May Day 2020! We certainly didn't anticipate a few months back that the month of May would be looking as it does. With that said, we have many things to be thankful for and to look forward to as the final few weeks of school unfold. We enjoyed a very successful [Senior Distribution Day](#) yesterday as hundreds of seniors and family members took a slow lap around the student parking lot as they picked up graduation items, personalized yard signs, and senior t-shirts. Perhaps the best part of the day was simply seeing everyone in person, although from an acceptable distance for the times. There were cheers and some tears, but the overwhelming sentiment was appreciation and empathy for our seniors who are adapting to this unique challenge. Thank you, seniors!

A question on everyone's mind is the impending return and pick up of regular school materials to and from DV, essentially our student checkout process. This would include the return of textbooks, library books, borrowed laptops, instruments, uniforms, etc. This would also involve the picking up of personal items from some lockers and other areas of the school that would typically go home over the summer. Please know that our district and school is currently working on plans to address all of this in a timely manner with safety and security as our number one priority. A message from our Superintendent and detailed information from Desert Vista will be coming next week. Thank you for your patience as we thoughtfully prepare these plans.

Yearbooks will most likely be arriving on our campus the week of May 18th, which is graduation week. A distribution plan for those is being developed. The DV virtual graduation event will be happening on May 21st with specifics about the program forthcoming. I know I've referenced a lot of "planning" going on, because we are inventing procedures and processes that we've not had to do before, so our learning curve is substantial. However, I am so proud of our folks here at DV and in our district for stepping up to plan and help as needed to make the most of a difficult situation.

Finally, I want everyone to know that May 4th-8th is Teacher Appreciation Week across the country with Tuesday, May 5th being Teacher Appreciation Day in Arizona. I ask every student and parent to reflect on who and how certain people at Desert Vista have positively impacted your lives. I strongly encourage everyone to shoot off a quick, appreciative email to

any of those folks who come to mind. Kind words matter, and what better time for our DV staff to receive them than during one of the most emotionally challenging times of this generation. Thank you for considering it. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr. D.