



Member Matters: Graduation/Teacher Appreciation Activities
Chat Log
May 20, 2020

- 00:20:57 Terence Allison: We are not having prom and have not heard any complaints from parents
- 00:21:17 Kimberly Carter: We are not having a prom and have not had push back
- 00:21:18 Laura Featherston: We moved it June
- 00:21:39 Debi Pyles Romulus Community Schools: we aren't having a prom and there hasn't been pushback that I'm aware of
- 00:21:40 Valerie Bury: We are not having prom.
- 00:22:01 Anthony Berthiaume: New Lothrop has canceled prom and have not had any pushback from parents
- 00:24:44 Mary Hanser: Oxford has "postponed" prom, no official cancellation
- 00:25:26 Scott Sylvester: Mattawan cancelled prom no push back
- 00:25:52 Laura Hagan: No prom in Iron Mountain and I am unaware of pushback.
- 00:25:53 Scott Sylvester: Last Friday May 15 we had a senior send off parade <https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2020/05/mattawan-sends-off-graduating-seniors-with-socially-distanced-parade.html>
- 00:26:23 Terence Allison: yes It looks like Edward is muted
- 00:26:28 Michael Colucci: In terms of prom and Graduation has anyone had success in helping students and parents process their emotions about the lost opportunities?
- 00:26:59 Janice Van Gasse: Norway-Vulcan in the Upper Peninsula cancelled prom and are not planning on graduation in person because of the restriction on the number of people that can be together
- 00:27:35 Christopher Lewis: I am interested in hearing what people are doing with graduation if you are trying to do something to recognize students

00:28:19 Laura Featherston: I should add that the parents who are upset about no prom just all took a massive "spring break" to South Carolina and are not practicing social distancing at all :(

00:31:48 Kimberly Carter: As a parent of a senior in one district and the superintendent in another, my reflection is that is really just comes down to communication...

00:31:56 Angie Smith: Are they allowed to wear mask Michael?

00:32:55 Mary Angst: We put "Congrats" signs in all seniors' yards & are doing a senior send off parade of cars following the homecoming route and ending at the HS with individual seniors in cars on graduation day with hopes of an actual graduation day in August. Faculty and administration will be outside at the HS to greet the seniors by waving as they go by.

00:33:09 Mary Angst: Sorry - Laingsburg Community Schools

00:34:14 Terence Allison: We had very nice yard signs, bigger than the average size, and banners made with the grads picture, name and Class of 2020. The yard signs are downtown in a field by the main road and the banners are two sided both with the same grad on each sign and are hanging on the poles along the main road downtown. We have received lots of compliments and thanks

00:34:15 Katie Slaghuis: We are putting together the senior slideshow to share out either virtually or in a modified ceremony this summer

00:34:42 Pam Green: We also are doing an Operation Cap and Gown to pick up caps, gowns, honor cords, yearbooks, etc. Students were allowed to stay in their cars and do a lap around the parking lot.

00:36:02 Angie Smith: Cap and gown pick up was yesterday and Thursday for farmington

00:37:47 Pam Green: We also did a "Senior Spotlight" Facebook Campaign. We have had over 137 students highlighted so far. I includes their picture and facts about their high school years and future plans. It has been well received.

00:38:01 Angie Smith: Don how many are wearing mask if they are doing a crossing of the stage and are they making it mandatory?

00:38:59 Terri Weems: senior spotlight was a great idea and well received

00:40:25 Mary Hanser: Angie - It will depend on the guidelines at the time.

00:41:21 Angie Smith: Thank you Mary.

00:41:36 Shawn White: We are working with channel 10 to create a virtual graduation. Seniors and parents will go to the school and walk across the stage and take pictures. videos will be made with the help of the school of course.

00:42:34 Shawn White: I am with Northwest Schools in Jackson.

00:42:53 Pam Green: Another thing we started is "Some Good News", FPS edition. It is based on the show John Kransinsky produced. It will highlight positive things happening in the FPS Community. It is not just to highlight great things for seniors but all of our students. Anyone can submit some "Good News" to be feature.

00:43:59 Pam Green: One other thing we did was to hold our "Signings" through a virtual format and it has been shared so others can view it. It allowed the community to congratulate our seniors who signed.

00:45:07 Edward Miller:Mason County Eastern has been

00:45:08 Cheryl Huffman: Edward Miller of Mason County Eastern in Custer. We have 26 seniors. 400 students k-12.

00:45:19 Cheryl Huffman: Edward Miller - Mason County Eastern Grad moved to June 25 - outside in parking lot.

00:46:11 Edward Miller:MCE sends 2,500 meals to kids

00:46:36 Edward Miller:sends homework packet per week.

00:47:19 Edward Miller:MCE is rural Mich - poor internet.

00:47:57 Mary Hanser: We wanted to do the stadium light up but were concerned about safety in general. Good to check with local law enforcement first

00:47:58 Janice Van Gasse: Michigan Virtual also has free social-emotional lessons for K-12 and parents, students, teachers, etc. can sign up for. Our counselors have open hours on Google Classroom and are doing some lessons.

00:48:19 Stacy Bogard: Some Good News:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOe_y6KKvS3PdIfb9q9pGug

00:48:20 Edward Miller:Mason County Counts too ! 400 kids- 3 pop teachers - 6 buses

00:49:06 Edward Miller:We still need \$ - WIFI on buses.

00:50:01 Edward Miller:traditional graduation not realistic.

00:52:06 Mary Angst: We have created WIFI areas in our parking lots so people can connect.

00:52:35 Angie Smith: I Love all the signs

00:53:40 Edward Miller:Thank you Don and Stacy..Edward

00:54:11 Terence Allison: WE have designed and order masks with our masot and class of 2020. We ordered blue ones and white ones our school colors

00:54:37 Holly Spencer: Thats a great idea Terence!

00:54:41 Stacy Bogard: That is awesome Terence! Do you know where they ordered them from so we could share the link?

00:54:47 Pam Green: In relationships to Teacher Appreciation, Farmington did a few things:

00:55:11 Michael Colucci: Where did you order masks from?

00:56:31 Katie Slaghuis: I made staff shirts and a handwritten card to each staff- mailed these. probably 400\$ total for 35 staff

00:56:46 Pam Green: We did a Socila Media Campaign, Facebook, Instragram, Twitter. Our Superintendent sent a special "thank you" email to all of the staff. He also wrote a letter to parents highlighting our staff and their dedication. We also created a video that was shared.

00:57:38 Christopher Lewis: we created a video from the board members to all staff

00:57:57 Amanda VanStrien: We created a video to staff from all board members too

00:58:22 Pam Green: Our PTA's also did a vaiety of things including: Signs placed in yards, delivering flowers, messages from classroom via a collective video, and held a "Dress Like a Teacher Day" to surprise teachers when they met with their students vitrually.

00:58:53 Anthony Berthiaume: New Lothrop Area Public Schools k-12 all staff teachers admin custodial aides food service central office bus drivers everyone receive a yard sign. admin spent the day delivery signs. well received by all! lots took pics of themselves w their sign and posted to Facebook.

00:59:38 Terence Allison: I will find out from the secretray where we are ordering the masks from. She is not in today, send me your email address and I will share that information when I get it. My email address is allisont@oscodaschools.org

01:02:47 Stephen Clegg: Clinton Community Schools has a locally shop that made Clinton themed masks for all staff. They are washable and reuseable.

01:05:24 Stacy Bogard: Love it Mary Hanser!

01:05:31 Christopher Lewis: can I ask one other question...for those that are doing virtual graduations, what technology/platform are you using?

01:05:50 Louise Blasius: Our local bank sponsored a billboard of our seniors!

01:06:34 Mary Hanser: Also check your community! Maybe the business that does your varsity jackets.

01:08:13 Terence Allison: A local hardware store with an electronic marquee has asked for pictures of all our grads and he is displaying them currently

01:08:32 Kenneth Stahl: Thank you all for all the ideas shared and for having these meetings

01:08:49 Michael Swiecki: Thanks. MASB is appreciated!

01:09:10 Angie Smith: Thank you everyone! Stay safe!!

01:09:20 Derek Fisaher: Will this webinar be posted to the MASB website?

01:09:50 Stacy Bogard: Yes Derek—we'll get it posted probably early next week with the holiday weekend.

01:09:59 Stacy Bogard: Next webinar on June 2 at noon on the budget.

01:10:04 Michael Colucci: I really appreciate these sharing sessions

01:10:12 Pam Green: Thank you everyone. Have a great day!

01:10:17 Laura Hagan: Iron Mountain using YouTubeLive for graduation

01:10:23 Jennifer Martin-Green: Thank you