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Dear Class of 2021,

All of us in leadership roles at East Side Union High School District recognize and understand the strain, fear, angst and disappointment that our school closures due to the COVID-19 public health emergency has had on your senior year. Although compared to last year, we do see a light at the end of the tunnel and some restrictions are beginning to open, i.e., athletics and in-person support.

The District recognizes that high school graduations are a once in a lifetime event and a cherished memory for our graduating seniors and their families. Every effort will be made to make the Class of 2021 graduation a memorable event. At this point in time, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department allows for outdoor gatherings of no more than 400 people following all social gathering guidelines and COVID-19 protocols.

Rest assured that all of our Principals are looking to find alternatives and innovative ways to carry out a graduation ceremony that meets the Santa Clara County Public Health Department's guidelines for gathering. Time, date, location, and size will be based on the social gathering guidelines.

Similar to last year, each school site will produce a graduation video and either host a drive-through graduation ceremony (which allows family members and the graduating senior to participate) and/or offer small cohort ceremonies of 50-125 students and two or three family members, which would meet the current state/county guidelines.

Based on current conditions, it is unlikely that traditional graduation ceremonies will be allowed this year by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, but we do expect social gatherings to increase from the current maximum capacity limitation of 400.

Please have patience, stay in constant communication with your school site and, most importantly, stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris D. Funk".

Chris D. Funk  
Superintendent

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