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Hello Barker Seniors and Families,

We wanted to give all senior class families an update on the most current guidance from the NY Department of Health (NYDOH) on Graduation Ceremonies for this coming summer.

Barker has previously rescheduled graduation to Saturday, August 1, at 9:00 am. This is still the scheduled time.

NYDOH has said that current guidelines will allow for a drive-through graduation ceremony. These guidelines may change. The NYSDOH has stated that they may update guidance again in July.

An overview of what a drive-through graduation will look like:

Students and only immediate family members with whom the students reside will be allowed. There will be a prearranged time for each student to come to the school in their cap and gown, receive their diploma, and have a photo taken. There will likely not be person-to-person contact, such as the traditional hand shake.

All attendees must wear masks, including the graduating senior, except for stopping for a photo. This version of the ceremony may be held outside.

Either the drive-through ceremony or the traditional graduation ceremony (if allowed) will occur on Saturday, August 1.

While we currently do not have all of the answers, we wanted to give families an update on the most recent information we have. We will continue to stay in communication and provide the most up-to-date information possible.

Please note that the Senior Night at the Drive-In event on Monday, June 15th is NOT a graduation ceremony. It is meant as a celebration in place of traditions like Class Night.

Thank you for your help and flexibility through this process.

Michael Carter

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