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Dear Senior Class of 2020,

Thank you for your hard work to complete your coursework and continue instruction as we face this unforeseen global pandemic. This coronavirus outbreak has caused you to have to change the way you mark your senior year without many of the moments that you were excited to celebrate.

One critical milestone we proposed and are planning to move forward with is graduation. You have prepared for this moment and spent the last 13 years working to get to this point. For those efforts, you deserve to be celebrated. At this time, graduation ceremonies are on hold and will no longer take place in May as we await further instructions from state and federal officials.

Rest assured, we will celebrate the class of 2020 but it may be delayed until we can do so safely. In working to do everything we can to host graduation ceremonies, we are in continued discussions with the Shreveport Convention Center regarding potential dates in the last two weeks of July. Be advised an alternative schedule to the traditional graduation week may be used in order to accommodate all schools.

If we are able to host commencement exercises, the district will adhere to any guidelines required by the Governor and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This likely will require the district to limit the number of guests for each graduate to no more than four (4) guests but may be subject to decrease based on updated guidance. We will commit to livestreaming the graduations for those that can't be there in person.

For those seniors needing their diplomas before graduation, the district will have a process for schools to safely distribute.

Ultimately, our first priority has to be protecting the health and safety of our community.

Stay home and stay safe!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Lamar Goree".

T. Lamar Goree, Ph.D.
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