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Dear APW families,

While we are committed to providing our senior class with the memorable culminating experience they deserve, executive orders from the Governor's office continue to limit options. This situation is especially frustrating as we see restrictions beginning to lift all around us. Schools and other municipalities are subject to rules and restrictions that differ from many private businesses and we are required by law to comply. That being said, should the executive order from our Governor's office change and restriction be lifted, many additional options would immediately be back on the table.

In New York State, an executive order from the Governor is the law. Superintendents and school board members take an oath of office where they commit to uphold that law. Given the emotion behind this event, there is a great deal of misinformation circulating about what schools are or are not doing this graduation season throughout the region. Mr. Olsen at the junior senior high school scheduled a final meeting this Friday with senior class representatives to share ideas, hear from additional students, and communicate options as we finalize plans for our APW graduation ceremony. To our senior class we are so sorry that the covid-19 pandemic has impacted you in so many ways during this time of celebration. I will join your meeting this Friday to share the guidance we received so far from colleagues across the state and our attorneys to discuss new ideas and options available to make this day the celebration you deserve. A final plan will be communicated next week.

Sincerely,

Eric Knuth
Superintendent of Schools

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