

July 22, 2020

CHS Class of 2020 Students and Parents,

This morning, the CHS administration was presented with information about a student testing positive for COVID-19. In accordance with the Duneland School Corporation Reentry Plan, the Porter County Health Department was notified. It was collectively determined that the positive student was in contact with numerous members of the Class of 2020 over the weekend. Indiana State Department of Health guidance states that anybody who has direct contact (within 6 feet of the person for a period of longer than 15 minutes) with a person who has a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis should be quarantined for 14 days. Since we cannot accurately account for the students who were in direct contact with the infected student, and under the advice of the Porter County Health Department, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our graduation ceremony scheduled for Friday evening.

Students, I cannot express enough that I know this announcement comes as a great disappointment to you and your families. There is nothing I, or anyone at CHS, can say to make up for the ceremony you so rightfully deserved. However, I am confident that most, if not all, will agree that the Duneland School Corporation must take proactive measures to prevent the spread of this virus and protect the health of our students, staff and families.

An alternative graduation celebration is being planned for Friday, July 24. This will include a car parade and a drive-thru graduation event. Specific information regarding this celebration will be released tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Brent Martinson, Principal  
Chesterton High School