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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope you and your family are well. Last night the Board of Education approved a revised District calendar. Since school was in session during the Spring Recess as well as May 22nd, as per the Governor's executive order, the last day of school will now be June 15, 2020 for students and teachers. Please note that remote instruction will continue through Monday, June 15th. For your convenience, click on the provided link to view: [Updated 2019-2020 Calendar](#).

In planning for the end of the school year, arrangements are being made for students to retrieve their personal belongings and return District property such as books, calculators, equipment, etc. Acting with an abundance of caution, and remaining compliant with current executive orders, school personnel will be bagging and labeling students' personal belongings. These items will be gathered from school lockers, gym lockers, band lockers and classroom desks. During the week of June 8th, students and/or parents will be able to pick up their child's or children's belongings and also drop off District property. Building principals will be sending out more specific instructions. The efforts of custodians, security guards, aides, teachers and administrators is greatly appreciated in our endeavor to keep everyone safe.

Over the last week, we have been designing plans for the end of the year ceremonies. The Harbor Moving Up Ceremony will take place on June 15th, the Manor Moving Up Ceremony will take place on June 11th and the Middle School Moving Up Ceremony will take place on June 12th. The High School graduation will take place on August 6th. As of now the Tilles Center is reserved; however, depending upon graduation guidelines from the Governor, the location may be moved to the athletic field on the same day. Our goal is to provide students with meaningful ceremonies acknowledging their academic accomplishments.

Lastly, the School District budget will once again be within the allowable levy cap. The tax levy increase is 3.58% for a budget of \$73,005,631. With the overwhelming support of the community in the past, Seaford students have excelled in all areas. The proposed budget will continue to maintain those opportunities for students.

Voting for the School District Budget and the Board of Education trustees will only be by absentee ballot. Every qualified voter will receive an absentee ballot in the mail with a return postage envelope. Perhaps more importantly, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage qualified school district voters to exercise their right to vote for this year's school budget and Board election. For a ballot to be counted, it must be received in the office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020. For your convenience, we have also established a ballot lockbox at the Manor Elementary School vestibule, which will be manned by a security guard. The lockbox will be available June 1st through 8th during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and June 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the budget, the most recent presentation can be accessed by clicking on this link: [BOE Budget Meeting](#).

We look forward to a successful end of the school year and I thank you for your continuous support.

Yours in Seaford Pride,

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