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Dear Graduating Senior and Parent/Guardian:

Although it may seem difficult to believe, the high school journey for our seniors is rapidly drawing to a close. We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to you on the graduation of your child from the Miami Dade County Public School System. For parents/guardians, this is always a special moment. Without your guidance and support, your child could not have reached this milestone.

Graduation from high school is an event that comes once in a student's lifetime. Your school's principal and staff have spent every effort to provide a ceremony steeped in tradition, one that brings meaning to all graduates and their families and loved ones. This is not an athletic event but rather an academic proceeding to honor a journey fulfilled, one students and parents/guardians have envisioned for a long time. Our goal as professional staff at all our schools is to provide a ceremony defined by both dignity and decorum. Students and parents/guardians deserve nothing less and we make every effort in our planning to execute a memorable event, start to finish. To ensure that your school's graduation is conducted in distinguished fashion, we expect students, parents/guardians, and guests to adhere to the following principles of etiquette:

Parents/Guardians and Guests

- Appropriate dress is recommended (e.g., business attire for men, semi-formal for ladies).
- Guests should wear appropriate shoes as there are stairs and ramps in all venues.
- Noisemakers, including air horns or whistles, are not permitted in the graduation venue and their use is strictly prohibited.
- Beach balls, balloons or other related items are prohibited in the graduation ceremony.
- The throwing of confetti is not permitted during the graduation ceremony.
- Please make sure all electronic devices are turned off or muted during the ceremony.
- Personal use of cameras without flash and hand-held video cameras are permitted as long as one remains in their seat and respects the viewing rights of attendees.
- Flash photography and standup videotaping are not permitted during the graduation ceremony.
- All graduation sites will have professional photographers.
- All seating is on a first come first served basis.

We request that all students, parents, and guests conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Students and attendees may be removed from the graduation ceremony if their behavior or conduct is inappropriate and disruptive. **To acknowledge the importance of proper behavior at the graduation ceremony, please sign and return this letter to our school. This letter must be signed and returned BEFORE graduation tickets are issued to students.**

Sincerely,

Name of student

I acknowledge receipt of this letter
Parent or Legal Guardian