



## BOARD OF EDUCATION, School District 148, Cook County

*Our mission is to challenge and support all students to reach their highest level of performance.*

### Dolton Riverdale School District 148 Class of 2020 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual Commencement

Dear Parents/Guardians and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

Across the country, many schools have cancelled or postponed graduation ceremonies. Unfortunately, these are not normal times. Because we do not know how long the direct impact of COVID-19 will last, Dolton Riverdale School District 148 has made the difficult decision to transition to a **Virtual Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at the following times:**

**Lincoln Jr. High at 10:00 a.m. - Roosevelt Jr. High School at 12:00 p.m. - Washington Jr. High School at 2:00 p.m.**

This decision was not made lightly, as we know how important this milestone is for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution because we do not know how long the direct impact of COVID-19 will last, as well as in consideration for our graduating students, who may have family and friends that were expecting to travel to this ceremony.

**What does a virtual ceremony mean?** District 148 is working to design a virtual commencement ceremony that will be an engaging and memorable experience for our graduates. District 148 will provide an update as soon as we have more information to share leading up to the scheduled date of Sunday, June 7, 2020.

**How can my family attend a virtual graduation?** District 148's plan is to be able to have the virtual commencement ceremonies available for anyone to watch and celebrate with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at the scheduled times for each Jr. High School as indicated above. This link will be available for all graduates as memorabilia to watch as often as they like after this date.

**How will I receive my diploma or diploma cover?** Students diplomas will be shipped to the mailing address on record at their respective school's after the virtual graduation. District 148 is working through the distribution for diploma covers and will provide an update as soon as we have more information.

I hope this correspondence addresses any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Class of 2020's graduation ceremonies. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, via email me at [NOHELTYK@DISTRICT148.NET](mailto:NOHELTYK@DISTRICT148.NET) or phone at 708.878.5206.

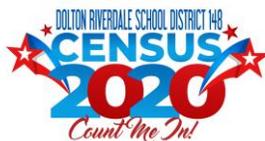
Stay healthy and safe,

Dr. Kevin J. Nohelty  
Superintendent of Schools

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