

May 12, 2020

Dear Members of the Class of 2020,

Thank you for your patience in awaiting information about how Southern will conduct a graduation ceremony. Things have been changing at an unprecedented rate and we did not want to publish a plan until we had a clearer understanding of what would and what would not be permitted.

Within the last several days we have received guidance from Governor Murphy's Office, the Office of Emergency Management and the Department of Education from which we can now plan for and share information about Southern Regional High School's Class of 2020 Graduation.

The Graduation will be a virtual graduation that will be broadcast and streamed on Friday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m. It will consist of a compilation of pre-recorded speeches and senior portraits that will be presented in the identical sequence that our previous in-person graduations have followed. Additionally, it will include several other "trailer" elements that previous graduations have not included.

The project is already well underway and our goal is to create a virtual ceremony that will give you a "feeling of participation" and memorabilia that you will have forever.

We would like to begin your graduation experience by inviting you onto campus, by appointment, during the week of May 18, through May 21, to receive your cap and gown from your guidance counselor. Separate correspondence from your guidance counselor is forthcoming and information specific to that process will be posted in the Gold Box on our website's homepage titled Class of 2020. Information about diploma conferral and next steps of the graduation experience will be forthcoming once the cap and gown distribution is completed.

#Ram Strong  
The Administrative Team