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Dear Parents and Graduating Seniors:

The last month of a senior's career is an opportunity to add final touches to their legacy at Bartlett High School. It is our expectation that the class of 2023 will be remembered as students of integrity, honor, and respect. BHS stands for more than Bartlett High School. **Believe, Honor, and Succeed** are at the core of this learning community. Senior Recognition and Graduation require cooperation on the part of hundreds of people. We appreciate parental support in helping Bartlett High School conduct a wonderful, respectful commencement ceremony that will meet the School Board's expectation that graduation be a dignified and formal ceremony.

Rehearsal will take place at **Bartlett High School** at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26th and attendance is mandatory. Bartlett High School's graduation will occur at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 27th, 2023, at the **NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates**. Families may bring as many guests as they wish to the ceremony. No tickets will be issued. Parking passes are not required this year.

To ensure the highest degree of decorum at the high school graduation ceremony, we would like to be specific in our expectations of students, families, and guests in attendance. Please remember, participation in the graduation ceremony is a **privilege**, not a right. In addition to District and school policies, we anticipate your cooperation with the following guidelines:

Graduate Expectations

1. All school rules apply during all senior activities/events.
2. Seniors **must** pay all fines and fees, and have served behavior consequences by Wednesday, May 24th @ 5:00 p.m.
3. **Students must attend the Graduation rehearsal. Students will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony unless they have been at the rehearsal, or have been excused by Mr. Serpe, extension 4752.**
4. **Graduates must CARRY their caps and gowns into the NOW Arena. The cap and gown is their "ticket" into the NOW Arena.**
5. The cap and gown must be worn at Graduation. No alteration of the gown may be made. No jewelry, flowers or other adornments can be displayed outside the gown. Only adornments to the gown that are sanctioned by BHS are allowed. Any adornments to the cap must be in "good taste", and not provide a risk to anyone's safety.
6. **Arrive at the NOW Arena at 7:15 p.m. and enter through Door #11. Graduates who are not lined up by 7:30 p.m. may have their name deleted from the reader's list.**
7. Any disruption, or intent to disrupt, will be cause for removal from the ceremony.
8. Graduates **do not** bring anything into the NOW Arena. There will not be storage or security for any items, such as purses, phones, cameras, sunglasses, etc. in the NOW



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Arena. NOW ARENA POLICY states that all graduates entering the facility will be wanded by a metal detector upon entering door #11.

9. At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates will recess up the stairs, to street level, and exit Door #4.

Audience Expectations

1. According to NOW Arena procedure, all guests will pass through metal detectors when entering the facility.
2. Every graduate deserves to have his/her name heard; thus, applause should be limited to the completion of the awarding of all diplomas. Please refrain from being a distraction to any graduate's moment of honor with shouting, noise-making, or counting of names as graduates cross the stage.
3. Graduates may receive flowers **after** the ceremony. Flowers will be available for purchase at the NOW Arena.
4. Please **leave celebratory balloons at home. They are not allowed in the NOW Arena.** You will be denied entrance with balloons.
5. Photos of each senior receiving his/her diploma will be taken by GradImages professional photographers for your optional purchase. VIDEOEVENTS will create a professional video of graduation. Information regarding purchase of each of these will be available from our Bartlett High School website. No guests will be allowed on the event floor of the NOW Arena to photograph or contact graduates.
6. Please be considerate to others with regards to saving large numbers of seats at the NOW Arena.

We ask for your help in making this event a dignified and memorable occasion for graduates. We would like our Graduation to be one that respects and honors our students, parents, and staff. May 27th, 2023, will be a beautiful day to be a HAWK!

Sincerely,

Mike Demovsky
Principal
Bartlett High School