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Dear Parents:

The Houston County School District would like to express our sincere congratulations to you and your graduating senior as they approach yet another milestone on the road to adulthood. This is an exciting time, and you should feel very proud of your graduate's accomplishments.

Because the high school graduation ceremony is usually the first formal, dignified occasion in which most teenagers participate, we would appreciate your efforts in reviewing a few points of decorum regarding this event. School administrators and teachers will address these concerns, but parental influence is much more powerful during this time of celebration.

We need your help to ensure that the ceremony is solemn and dignified. Students should arrive promptly one hour prior to the ceremony at the designated location and line up so that they can enter the area in a calm and orderly manner. Students will be provided a dress code by each high school administration. Family members should plan to arrive no earlier than one hour prior to the ceremony. Please provide yourself time to park, secure your vehicle, and find your seats prior to the ceremony. Trolley rides will be available to assist in getting to and from your vehicle. Please remember only clear bags are allowed inside the Arena. The ceremony will begin promptly at the specified time. We ask that everyone be **seated** once the Senior Processional begins. Additionally, the ceremony for each high school will be live streamed. The streaming link may be accessed on the district website, [www.hcbe.net](http://www.hcbe.net).

Seniors, their families, and friends should show respect for all graduates both before and after receiving their diplomas. Please do not bring balloons, flowers, noisemakers, signs, or banners to the ceremony. Those items are not allowed inside the Arena. The time for celebration is after the ceremony, when students can enjoy the company of their families and friends. Any individuals involved with disrupting the ceremony will be escorted from the ceremony.

Each graduate will receive tickets for their respective graduation ceremony. Graduates will be provided with additional school-specific information. We look forward to joining you in congratulating each of our graduates. This occasion is a joyous one, and we want everyone to participate in this celebration in a positive manner. Your assistance in making your child aware of the significance of the graduation ceremony will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Mark Scott**

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