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Dear Parent(s):

The Houston County Board of Education and Houston County High School would like to express our sincere congratulations to you and your graduating senior who is approaching yet another milestone on the road to adulthood. This is a most exciting time, and you should feel justly proud of the accomplishments of your graduate.

Students should arrive promptly at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning May 25th, for graduation practice. Students will need to park at the North Gate and come into the McGill Building (where prom was held). **Students will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony without attending practice.** The graduation ceremony will be held Friday, May 26th, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Students should arrive promptly at 7:00 p.m., parking at the North Gate and coming into the McGill Building so that they can enter the ceremony in a calm and orderly manner. Dress code standards will be strictly enforced at graduation. Males must be without earrings, and attired in black pants and shoes, white shirt, and a black tie or bowtie. Black dress and shoes is the appropriate attire for females. **Any students not adhering to the dress code will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies.** Students must also be clear of all fines to the school before they are allowed to graduate. Teachers have been informing students of fines currently owed and necessary payment information. Fines can be paid up until the day of graduation practice. Any outstanding fines on graduation day, May 26th, will restrict a student from participation in the ceremony.

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. Houston County High School will address these concerns as well, but parental influence is much more powerful during this time of family festivity. Your help is needed to ensure that the ceremony is solemn and dignified. Please do not bring noisemakers, balloons, balls, etc. Seniors, their families, and their friends should show respect for all graduates both before and after receiving diplomas. 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 arena. As in previous years, seating will be unlimited, but please plan to arrive at least 1 hour early to allow for traffic. The doors to the Miller-Murphy Howard building will open at 7:00 p.m. and close 7:45 p.m. or 15 minutes prior to graduation to allow the graduates time to enter the building. There will be no saving of seats or reserved seating. All individuals must remain seated during the graduation ceremony. Also, please leave the arena once the graduates exit as a class.

We look forward to joining with you as we congratulate each one of our graduates. This occasion is a joyous one, and we want to participate in this celebration in a positive way. Your assistance in making your child aware of the solemnity and significance of the graduation ceremony will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas S. Rizer
Houston County High School
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