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Dear Parents:

The Houston County Board of Education 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.

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 family festivity.

We need your help to ensure that the ceremony is solemn and dignified. Students should arrive promptly at the designated location and line up so that they can enter the area in a calm and orderly manner. Family and friends should plan to arrive in plenty of time (at least an hour prior to the ceremony) to be able to get parked and into the building to be seated prior to the ceremony. Remember that the doors to the building will be locked at least 15 minutes prior to the graduation start time (or earlier if the room fills up). The ceremony will begin promptly at the specified time and once the Senior procession begins, no one will be allowed to enter. There will be an overflow room with large projection screens for those who arrive late or if there are no more seats available. Additionally, the ceremony for each high school will be live streamed. You may access the streaming at [www.hcbe.net](http://www.hcbe.net).

Seniors, their families, and 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 ceremony.

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

Sincerely,

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