

Torchlight June 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I would like to begin by thanking our school community for supporting our 20-21 school budget. The \$18,887,190 school budget passed with 460 yes votes to 139 no votes. The bus purchases for 4 school buses (2-66/44 passenger buses, 1-23/16 passenger bus and 1-7 Passenger suburban) not to exceed \$400,000 passed with 404 yes votes to 196 no votes. The Board of Education seats were awarded to Jason Trabucco with 487 votes, William Dougherty with 442 votes and Lucas Baker with 413 votes. We will be welcoming back Mr. Trabucco and swearing in our new board member, Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Baker at our reorganization meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

The Board of Education and the Marathon School Community would like to thank Mr. Dale Betts for his 15 years of service, Mrs. Karen Standish for her 3 years of service, and Jenna Knout, our student ex-officio board member, for her year of service to our school community. Mr. Betts has been the board president for 6 years and a very active member of our financial planning and facilities committees. Mrs. Standish has been a vital part of our financial planning committee for the past several year. All three members have been valuable members of the board and have had your children's best interest at heart.

This year's seniors will have a very unique graduation experience due to COVID 19 restrictions. Graduation will take place on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and will be conducted as a drive in movie at Greek Peak, who has graciously donated their facility. The ceremony will be for the graduates and their immediate family members only, however the celebration will be live streamed for all to watch. The link for the live stream will be found on our webpage closer to the event. The celebration will begin at sundown, approximately 8:45 PM.

I would like to thank all of our staff for providing instruction, food and support to our students during the global pandemic. I would also like to thank all of our parents and guardians who helped our students with their assignment, the technology and anything else they needed to keep up with their work load. We live in a very amazing community and truly worked together to make the best of a very difficult situation. As we prepare for next year, we will be using the feedback from the student, parent and teacher surveys. A link to the parent survey can be found on our main webpage and will remain active until the beginning of July. When we return in September, we will be ready for whatever life has to throw at us. We will make sure your students are safe, welcome and cared for. I hope you have time to rest this summer and enjoy some time together. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact your building principal or myself at the district office.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Stone