

# Middleton School District #134



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Dear Graduate and/or Parent,

We are sad to report that on Tuesday, a member of the athletic staff, who was participating in the summer high school athletic program, tested positive for Covid-19. As a result, many other staff members and students have now been exposed.

Unfortunately, we have to consider the impact of this incident in relation to graduation. We must recognize the risks of further exposure if we were to host graduation for 1,600 people, gathered together in the Idaho Center, for more than 90 minutes. The uncertain safety of our staff, students and their families, has led us to the difficult decision to **cancel** Middleton's June 30th graduation ceremony.

Although we understand and sympathize with your disappointment, we are hopeful that there will also be an understanding of our surrounding circumstances that we are forced to navigate.

Collectively, we have worked tirelessly toward a traditional graduation ceremony to honorably celebrate the graduates of both Middleton High School and Middleton Academy. It is truly sad to recognize that our efforts will not come to fruition this year. We are so grateful that we were able to celebrate our graduates in a variety of creative ways this spring and truly make 2020 unique.

## **Diploma Pick-Up**

Because we want to ensure that diplomas are not damaged in the mail, we plan to offer pick-up through the district office in a similar fashion to how graduation tickets were distributed. In an attempt to avoid a rush of foot traffic in the office due to COVID-19, we will offer a drive-thru option. If you were planning to pick-up graduation tickets Thursday evening from 5:00-7:00, you will now be able to pick up diplomas during that same time. Alternatively, we will offer a second window next week on Tuesday from 10:00-12:00. If neither of these times will work for you, please contact the district office at 208-585-3027 to make different arrangements.

Sincerely,

Brian Rothe  
Middleton High School Principal

Glen Croft  
Middleton Academy