



April 30, 2021

## Graduation Ceremony

Dear Cascade High School seniors and families:

It has been wonderful to have so many of our Bruins back on our campus, and especially our seniors. We know this has been a different year and are so impressed with your positivity, resilience, authenticity, and growth. I am pleased to let you know we are able to celebrate you and your accomplishment of graduating from high school in a way that can honor your efforts and include your family and friends even in the midst of the COVID restrictions.

We will be holding our commencement ceremony at Memorial Stadium at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 19. Snohomish County is currently in Phase 3 of the state's COVID phasing, which will allow for 2,500 spectators in our stadium with social distancing, masking, and COVID protocols in place. Even if the county gets moved back to Phase 2, we will still be able to have this number of spectators in Memorial Stadium according to the state's graduation guidelines.

With our estimated number of graduates, each senior will receive six (6) tickets for friends and family to attend. Household members will sit together and be socially distanced from other families by indicators on the bleachers.

Our graduates will be seated on the field, also socially distanced. They will be able to walk across the stage, receive their diploma, have a processional, speakers, and all the other pieces we have come to expect in a traditional graduation.

While an outdoor graduation has the unknown factor of weather, holding the graduation indoors significantly limits the amount of attendees we can include. For instance, at the Angel of the Winds Arena, we would be limited to only 600 guests, which would only allow between one to two ticket per graduate. We heard very clearly from our families and seniors that having family attendance at graduation was a high priority.

We will be sending out more information as we get closer to the big day but wanted you to know this information now, so you can make family plans. There is also information and a graduation FAQs posted on our [website](#). We are excited our seniors will have a special day to commemorate their great accomplishments.

Thank you for your involvement and for the input we have received.

Sincerely,

Michael Takayoshi

Principal