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A Letter to GMC Prep School Students on Graduation

Class of 2020,

We are excited that in two months we will welcome you as a member of the GMC Prep Alumni Family. You've worked hard, sacrificed much, and grown into leaders during your time at GMC Preparatory School. It's time to celebrate your accomplishments as you finish your high school time and are awarded a GMC Prep Diploma. And we want to make sure we honor you and all you have done in a special way.

Your class came into the world just as 9-11 and the War on Terror was unfolding. As you prepare to graduate, the world has entered into yet another unprecedented time with the ever changing landscape of the COVID-19 outbreak. Your lives have somewhat been defined by the times, and your resiliency is a testament to your collective ability to persevere, regardless of what lies in front of you. We understand that as seniors you've been impacted by this pandemic. Many events and trips have been canceled, you have had to adapt to a new way of learning, and by not being able to come to campus you've missed many of your friends. We know this has been very difficult for each of you and your families. As seniors you have a lot on your mind even without the spread of this virus. One of the things you're probably wondering is what we will do for your graduation.

Our GMC Leadership will meet on March 26 to make a determination, with the information we have at that time, on the best course of action regarding your commencement ceremony, which may be to delay the decision until more information is available. Although hosting a graduation ceremony on May 22d on the steps of the OCB is questionable today, please be assured that GMC wants to see you to walk across that stage, with your families present and receive your diploma. We are working now to examine, within the restrictions of the CDC, how we can make it possible. There are many possibilities being discussed to include hosting the event in the June timeframe. Please know that we don't take this responsibility lightly and will work to find the very best possible solution.

Our commitment to the Class of 2020 is this: We will find a way to celebrate you and all you have been part of at GMC.

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