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## The Grand Car Hop Graduation Proposal

I would propose that we hold the 2020 Graduation on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> as scheduled at 2:00pm, with a rain date of Monday June 8, at the same time. We could adjust the date depending on the weather prediction.

Each senior will be allowed 2 cars for family and friends. Occupants must stay in their vehicles as required by the Maine Department of Education. Arrangements will be made for orderly parking to maximize the view. I would suggest a first row of 25 and a second row of 25 behind the first row. Each student will be issued two parking passes for the event, cars without passes and pedestrians will not be permitted in the area.

We will make arrangements for a small platform for the speakers and a sound system for the event.

We will assemble in the parking area near the front of the gymnasium with all cars focusing on the granite Stearns High School sign.

We would create graduation packets that include diplomas and scholarships, for presentation to each student.

The ceremony would have the typical speeches and awards. The students making speeches would be called forward to do that. As the student is called for presentation of the diplomas and awards, the 2 cars may come forward to the sign and the graduate will exit the car to receive the diploma packet from the Superintendent and to give the opportunity for pictures. The cars will then return to their designated parking spaces for the remainder of the ceremony.

The police and fire companies would be lining these cars up for a parade around town.

Staff attending will be asked to make a request for parking in advance and will be given designated parking spaces as well.

We will work with the class advisor and administration and the seniors to organize a group gathering at some point. We expect that any such gathering will be limited to the 25 seniors and school staff.

Please understand that we must comply with strict guidelines from the State of Maine to hold the graduation in this format.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools