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Dear Foxborough School Community,

Today marks the official last day of school for our seniors. We are so proud of them and every one of them deserves our biggest congratulations! I recently had the opportunity to listen to some of our seniors during a Teams video-conferencing meeting where they shared their reflections during their time at Foxborough High School and not surprisingly, their sentiments and advice for their peers were reflective of the current pandemic. I was so impressed by their positive attitudes and words of wisdom. Their resilience has been tested during which should have been the very pinnacle of their senior year. Their positive outlook and ability to look forward is a lesson to many. Again, we are so proud of our seniors and know they will do great things!

In my last communication, we shared our goal of providing additional face-to-face opportunities for students and increasing the number of video streams that can be seen by our teachers and students at once. This past week Microsoft released its 3x3 update expanding the number of simultaneous video streams in Teams from four to nine. This update was well received by teachers and students alike. Additionally, we had previously shared we hoped to roll out WebEx as a new video conferencing option. Unfortunately, it is taking WebEx longer than anticipated to resolve a software “bug” impacting security features needed to keep our school community safe. As a result of these delays, we will not be able to use WebEx during the last four weeks of the school year. We realize that expanded video-conferencing capabilities will be an important part of our solution if we find ourselves in a remote learning situation in the future, and will continue to pursue this and other options.

In the coming weeks we will be sending out another survey. This survey will help assess future technology needs, remote learning and importantly help us better plan and prepare for the fall. The one thing that is certain is uncertainty. We do not know what the fall will bring and we all have many questions that cannot be answered at this time. Please know that although none of us have these answers and are reliant on information which will continually be updated, we are actively preparing for September for when schools return. We will continue to plan through the end of the school year and throughout the summer. In the meantime, as May becomes June and the weather becomes more beautiful, we hope you and your family will have more time to spend outdoors.

In closing, we would like to honor and pay tribute to those that have served our country, past and present. This weekend, we look to Memorial Day as a time to honor all of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country and we are thankful.

I wish all of you and your family good health.

Sincerely,

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