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Dear Northwood Community,

Today marks the end of a school year that will certainly be remembered for years to come. There are so many things to celebrate! A huge congratulations to our Class of 2020 on their graduation. As a community, we hope to have provided a strong foundation and we will continue to support you all! As always, it is exciting to see what will become of our NHS family! We are also excited to meet and get to know our incoming 9th grade class – the NHS class of 2024! These past few months have been especially difficult for our whole community, but in NHS spirit, our staff, students, and families continued to come together in supporting all of our students. I am incredibly proud to work in such a supportive culture!

As many of us are aware IUSD is quite a diverse school districts and has always maintained that our strength lies in our diversity. Our partnership with our students and families is a critical part of the “us” in IUSD, and together we celebrate our culture - one that honors diversity and promotes an educational environment of respect and tolerance. As such, we do not tolerate racial injustice or inequality. IUSD is a district founded on the notion of continuous improvement and each day, we remain committed to reflecting upon and strengthening our own approaches and systems to ensure that we provide equity, access, and justice for our students and families.

We have all faced difficulties and loss over the past few months and the events of the past few weeks have only reinforced the many challenges we face as a nation. Please know that we will navigate these challenges together and continue to learn together as one school community. Much of the unrest and outrage reflected in social media now may encourage our students to speak out. I urge our students to be respectful and avoid degrading any other person or group. Each individual’s digital presence matters, it lasts, and it affects us all. A decision to post a comment or a picture is a decision that needs to be weighed carefully because it cannot be erased. During this incredibly challenging time, demonstrating compassion, kindness, and social responsibility has never been more important. Our students and staff are talented, forward-thinking, and willing to confront challenges head-on, but we need to remain focused on bringing about positive change. There is no better place than, here, in our community and no better time than now, to commit to improving our world, and we can do that by educating ourselves, learning from each other, and treating one another with respect.

We understand recent events may bring about a range of emotions for our students. Know that you are not alone and that your voice matters. Please reach out for support. You can also visit iusd.org/WeCare or [Student Health Resources](#) for more information and resources. In addition, the NHS Office will remain open over the summer for phone calls and support with resources.

My hope is the students and families will energize over the summer break and perhaps stay away from screens for a bit! We will be in touch with more information about next year as we have it but in the meantime, I hope wanted to remind us all how important it is to be part of a strong and supportive community, like NHS. #NHSbettertogether

Sincerely,
Leslie Roach, Ed.D.
Principal