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Dear Graduating Senior and Parent/Guardian:

Although it may seem difficult to believe, the high school journey for our seniors is rapidly drawing to a close. We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to you on your child's graduation from the Miami-Dade County Public School System. For parents/guardians, this is always a special moment. Without your guidance and support, your child could not have reached this milestone.

Graduation from high school is an event that comes once in a student's lifetime. Your school's principal and staff have spent every effort to provide a ceremony steeped in tradition, one that brings meaning to all graduates, their families, and loved ones. This is not an athletic event but rather an academic proceeding to honor a journey fulfilled, one that students and parents/guardians have envisioned for a long time. Our goal as professional staff at all our schools is to provide a ceremony defined by both dignity and decorum. Students and parents/guardians deserve nothing less, and we make every effort in our planning to execute a memorable event, from start to finish. To ensure that your school's graduation is conducted in a distinguished fashion, we expect students, parents/guardians, and guests to adhere to the following principles of etiquette:

**Parents/Guardians and Guests**

- Appropriate dress (e.g., business attire for men, semi-formal for ladies).
- Guests should wear appropriate shoes as all venues have stairs and ramps.
- Noisemakers, including air horns or whistles, are not permitted in the graduation venue and their use is strictly prohibited.
- Beach balls, balloons, or other related items are prohibited in the graduation ceremony.
- The throwing of confetti is not permitted during the graduation ceremony.
- Please make sure all electronic devices are turned off or muted during the ceremony.
- Personal use of cameras without flash and hand-held video cameras is permitted as long as one remains in one's seat and respects the viewing rights of attendees.
- Flash photography and standup videotaping are not permitted during the graduation ceremony.
- All graduation sites will have a professional photographer.
- All seating is on a first-come first-served basis.

We request that all students, parents, and guests conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Students and attendees may be removed from the graduation ceremony if their behavior or conduct is inappropriate and disruptive. **To acknowledge the importance of proper behavior at the graduation ceremony, please sign and return this letter to your school prior to receiving your graduation tickets.**

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Name of Student

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I acknowledge receipt of this letter.  
Parent or Legal Guardian

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Name of School

Sincerely,

  
Mr. Luis E. Diaz, Chief Operating Officer  
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