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Grundy Avenue Elementary School

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Re: Moving up for 5th Grade

Dear 5th Grade Parents/Guardians;

I would like to thank you for your support during these challenging times. As you might have seen in a recent updated communication coming from Mrs. Hynes' office, the district, following Governor Cuomo's orders and guidance from the NYS Health Department, have cancelled the 5th Grade moving up ceremony. All of us are disappointed but our staff and student's safety must remain paramount.

While not the same, we would like to move to a reverse car parade which will be held on June 22nd starting at 5:00 PM through the Grundy bus lane. A schedule for the different classes can be found below. Parents and students will stay in the car and drive through stopping only at their teacher who will be stationed at the main entrance. She will give them an envelope with their moving up certificate, a program, and any additional awards they may have received. If you are not available to attend, the envelopes will be mailed home to your child. The Grundy staff is invited to celebrate and wave to our 5th grade class. Please adhere to safety guidelines and wear masks. No one will be permitted to exit the vehicles. At this time, if you have items that belong to the school (musical instruments, textbooks, library books or other classroom materials) you may hand them to a staff member outside. Please label instruments with your child's name. Please, do NOT return any borrowed Chrome books at this time. Additional information about returning those will be sent at a later date. Schedule for the day:

- 5-1 5:00-5:30
- 5-2 5:30-6:00
- 5-3 6:00-6:30
- 5-4 6:30-7:00

A Google Slide presentation of our traditional moving up ceremony including special awards will be created and come home to you through your child's teacher's Google Classroom. This will be sent on June 21st. The PTA will provide a "Congratulations Graduates" sign on the Grundy property that families may want to take pictures in front of to commemorate this occasion. We ask that you come back to Grundy after the last class attends the car parade or the following day to avoid conflicts with others and to maintain social distancing.

We thank you for your patience and congratulate you on this special achievement for your child. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amato, Principal

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