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May 15, 2020

The Honorable Steven M. Sweeney
N. J. Senate President
935 Kings Hwy, Suite 400
West Deptford, NJ 08086

The Honorable Craig J. Coughlin
N.J. Assembly Speaker
569 Rahway Avenue
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Dear Senator Sweeney and Assemblyman Coughlin:

I am writing to request the New Jersey legislators advocate for reasonable accommodations be made on behalf of the graduating senior class in the Black Horse Pike Regional School District and across the State of New Jersey. While we have a firm grasp of the scientific rationale and remain in support of the health-related reasons associated with school closures and Executive Orders requiring social distancing, we are respectfully asking for consideration on elevating the number of people who can gather at any one time, while still maintaining appropriate six feet distance between one another.

We do not wish to burden our health care workers, nor do we wish to add to the number of infections in our local community and across our New Jersey family. We believe we can execute a sensible plan for graduating our senior students, outside, six-feet apart, without violating social distancing provisions. We trust that our students and our local community will stand by those social distancing limitations and not risk infecting one another, staff members, or other people in the subsequent days of the graduation.

We believe that this generation of students is responsible and recognize that safety is a top priority. They understand the dangers associated with coming into contact with one another, being asymptomatic, but potentially still a host of COVID-19. With three Regional High Schools and over 900 senior graduates, we are hopeful that we will have the opportunity to show our trust in them to be responsible citizens; after all, they are graduating high school with hopes of going into the workplace, attending college, or serving in our armed forces. Some of them are Presidential Scholars, all-star athletes, scholarship recipients, apprenticeship bound, gifted performers, and entrepreneurial talents and they deserve to know that we see them as adults and trust them as adults entering our society. The seniors see signs of New

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Jersey opening its beaches, liquor stores, and they see the herds of people in food stores, convenience stores, and super-home improvement stores, and question the rationality of not being able to graduate outdoors while following social distancing limitations.

I thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times and I am hopeful that the New Jersey legislature will advocate for our senior class.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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