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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Prospective Graduate:

We are looking forward to the evening of Thursday, June 6th, when we will hold the graduation ceremony for the **Class of 2024**. This is a moment of pride and dignity for our entire community.

To provide a setting in which every graduate will have an opportunity to have his or her name heard by everyone when receiving his or her diploma, we will ask the **audience to limit its recognition of the students to polite applause until after all of the graduates have received their diplomas**. Please ask your relatives and friends who will be attending graduation to comply with this request.

We expect our graduates to behave respectfully and dress appropriately for the ceremony. Appropriate dress includes:

- **Males: shirt with a collar and neck tie, slacks, dark socks, and dress shoes**
- **Females: dress, blouse and skirt, or Capri pants (shorter than the graduation gown and light in color so as not to show through the gown), and dress shoes or dress sandals**

Jeans, shorts, flip flops, sneakers, headbands, and immodest displays of jewelry are not acceptable attire for this significant and dignified ceremony. Students who are not appropriately dressed will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Please remember that to participate in the graduation ceremony, students must: (1) meet all academic requirements for the diploma; (2) settle all outstanding financial and other obligations; and (3) **attend graduation rehearsal (scheduled for June 4th, at 3:00 PM)**. Additionally, we expect all seniors' positive behavior to continue through the end of the school year. Students who exhibit inappropriate behavior during the final days of the term may be excluded from the graduation ceremony. Students who behave inappropriately during the graduation ceremony may be escorted off of the field by security personnel and will not receive their diplomas following the ceremony.

Weather permitting, graduation will be on Indian Field in Grand View Stadium, at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 6th. For the **Indian Field ceremony, each graduate will be given nine (9) tickets that are required for grandstand seating.** Those without tickets may view the ceremony from other designated areas in the Stadium.

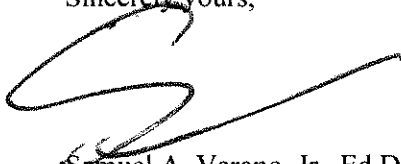
If we have inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved into the Gymnasium. Each graduate will receive four (4) tickets for an indoor ceremony and only the individuals holding those tickets will be admitted into the ceremony. These tickets will be scanned to gain entrance and cannot be duplicated or reused. Others will be permitted to watch a simulcast in classrooms throughout the high school. On the day of graduation, please check the District website (soudertonsd.org) and/or Channel 28 (Comcast) or Channel 46 (Verizon) for updated information.

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If the ceremony is held outside, those wanting an air-conditioned environment are encouraged to watch a live broadcast of graduation in the air-conditioned Auditorium in comfortable seats.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional. Students not participating in the ceremony may pick up their diplomas at the high school Guidance Office beginning on Friday, June 7th.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Varano', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Samuel A. Varano, Jr., Ed.D
Principal

As a courtesy to family and friends, bouquets of flowers will be available for purchase on-site at Souderton Area High School the night of graduation. Credit cards are accepted, and prices range from \$15 - \$25. There will be no cash sales. If you wish, you can also pre-order a bouquet and pick it up at the flower table before the ceremony. To do so, please visit:
<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/soudertonhs/>