April 2, 2020

Dear Class of 2020,

All of us in leadership roles at East Side Union High School District recognize and understand the strain, fear, angst and disappointment that our school closures due to COVID-19 public health emergency has had on your senior year. To lose out on spring sports, Fantastics, prom, Senior Honors celebration, to name just a few activities, is heartbreaking.

The District recognizes that high school graduations are a once in a lifetime event and a cherished memory for our graduating seniors and their families. Every effort will be made to conduct a traditional high school graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 as soon as public health directives allow such gatherings to be held.

Rest assured that all of our Principals are looking to find alternatives and innovative ways to carry out a graduation ceremony that meets the Santa Clara County Public Health Department’s guidelines for gathering. Time, date, location, and size will be based on the social gathering guidelines.

We hope to be able to hold graduation ceremonies at each site before each of you leave to college, military or any other life journey that will take you away from San Jose by the end of July.

Please have patience, stay in constant communication with your school site and, most importantly, stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Chris D. Funk
Superintendent