Dear Overlake Community,

As we move to the final hours of the 2019-20 school year, I think back to the last three months and recognize that this time has been unlike any I have ever experienced in school. And with so much change, sadness, and lack of clarity, we have managed to keep alive many of the traditions that are so Overlake.

From our annual Senior Brunch last weekend, to our eighth-grade promotion, we have managed to continue to support community in new and virtual ways, while celebrating all the wonderful milestones our students achieve.

We have one more opportunity to celebrate this Sunday at 4 pm when we will hold Overlake's first Mobile Graduation Processional for the mighty class of 2020.

This event will have seniors' families driving their graduates onto campus with many of the faculty and staff celebrating them along the way. And although later this summer we hope to have an in-person graduation, this event will mark the culmination of all of our collective efforts in support of these amazing young people.

Each member of this class has many cheerleaders both at school and home, and these same people will be part of the squad standing on the road celebrating them.

Of course, this will all be done while practicing all of the precautionary measures as laid out by the state and King County. If you would like to learn more about the Processional you can read about it here.

Until then, enjoy the final moments of the school year and thank you for all your continued support and encouragement along the way in these very different and sometimes difficult times. I have been sustained these many weeks by my connection to this amazing community.

While this may be my last letter to you for the school year, I will be in touch both in writing and with Town Halls throughout the summer as we continue to plan for the upcoming school year. As more information is provided by the state and county, we will be circling back to you on how this new information will affect our opening of school.

I hope you are able to enjoy this summer with your family. I am eagerly anticipating the day when we can come together as a community on campus - I miss you all.

Thank you, as always, for being an Owl with us.

Until then, stay safe and healthy,

Matt