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Dear Parents:

The school year is rapidly coming to an end and will conclude with the graduation of the Class of 2018 on June 1st at 3:00 p.m. The graduation ceremony will be held at the Watsco Center located on the University of Miami campus- 1245 Dauer Drive in Coral Gables, Fl. Congratulations on the potential graduation of your child! I am sure that you are as proud as we are of these outstanding young adults and their accomplishments.

When you arrive at the Watsco Center, you will find ample parking facilities for your use. University Personnel will be available for assistance dealing with parking information and directions to the entrance of the arena. Senior students ONLY must report to the Field House located at the rear of the Watsco Center at 1:00 p.m. No parents and/or family members will be allowed at the graduate entrance. Parents and/or family members should go directly to the front entrance of the building.

The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. and it will last approximately two hours. This ceremony is the culmination of the high school career of your teenager. Moreover, it is a formal, dignified event intended to recognize each of our graduates. Each student will be introduced and walk across the stage to receive his/her diploma cover. In order for each family to hear the name of their child, and see him/her clearly, I am politely requesting that you remain in your seat during the ceremony and refrain from using noise makers and/or other boisterous displays of enthusiasm.

The graduation ceremony will be video-taped, broadcast on the Internet and available for purchase. While on stage, a professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate as they receive their diploma cover. Your graduate has received information concerning these services, please ask them to share this information with you.

Graduation from high school is a truly auspicious rite of passage which is to be enjoyed and celebrated. A significant reason for your graduate's success is the fact that you provided support, encouragement and opportunities as your teenager grew and matured. I congratulate you for your dedication and commitment! Your success has been our success, and once again proves, "No Goal's Too High Where Falcons Fly."

Sincerely,

Mr. Rafael A. Villalobos
Principal