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Dear Upland Community:

Once again, I wanted to offer my sincerest appreciation for your patience and support as we move closer to the end of this most unusual school year. Like you, we're hopeful that schools can reopen in time for the next academic year, and are doing everything in our power to ensure that students don't suffer academically as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I know how difficult this has been for our District community – our students, our parents, our teachers and staff. We miss each other and the energy that a normal school day brings.

At the same time, the adversity we've shared has taught us, strengthened us and inspired us. I see it in the overwhelming support for our graduating seniors, who have missed out on the traditional victory lap that a last semester of high school ought to provide. This week, our Upland High School teachers and staff cheered on our graduates who were allowed to drive through the school parking lot and safely pick up their caps and gowns. The caravan stretched for blocks, with banners and balloons welcoming these incredible students and their families.

We're planning additional senior activities including senior awards and a graduation ceremony as health and safety conditions permit, and are also working with a local filmmaker to produce a professional video acknowledging the history-making efforts of the Class of 2020.

For the Class of 2021 and beyond, we recognize that you too will never forget this moment in time. No other generation of students has faced, or had to overcome, the academic or social challenges you are staring down, nor can I imagine anyone doing so with the poise and determination you have shown. You've always made us proud – never more so than now.

I also want to thank our teachers and staff – not just for their tireless work during the pandemic, but their unbending commitment to our students, families and community throughout the year. This is Teacher Appreciation Week, and I, for one, am so grateful to have the opportunity to work with this extraordinary team of professionals.

Be well. Stay safe. Together, we are UPLAND STRONG!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelly

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Every Single Student...
Every Single Day