



BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: BASD High School Students, Parents, and Teachers
FROM: Dr. Jack P. Silva, Assistant Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer
RE: **Community Service Graduation Requirement**
DATE: April 3, 2020

Because of the extended school closure caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 60-hour Community Service graduation requirement for the Class of 2020 (only) has been waived.

Please note the following:

- Graduating seniors in the Class of 2020 who have not yet completed the required 60 hours of Community Service do not need to complete the hours. The requirement has been waived.
- Graduating seniors in the Class of 2020 who have completed 135 or more hours of Community Service will still be recognized with a silver cord.
 - Graduating seniors in the Class of 2020 who completed 135 hours of Community Service by March 13, 2020, but have not yet turned in the paperwork should either mail the completed paperwork to your school, Attention: Ms. Cruz, or scan and email the completed paperwork to acruz@basdschools.org by April 24, 2020.
 - Graduating seniors in the Class of 2020 who did not complete 135 hours of Community Service by March 13, 2020, may not complete any additional hours. They are not eligible for the silver cord.
- Current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students and non-graduating seniors will still need to complete the 60-hour Community Service Graduation Requirement.
 - No Community Service may be completed during the school closure.
 - Students who have completed Community Service paperwork should keep that paperwork until school reopens. At that time, follow the normal procedure for submitting hours.
- All Community Service hours earned and submitted on or before March 13, 2020, will be reflected on students' report cards.

If you have any questions regarding your Community Service hours, please contact Ms. Cruz at acruz@basdschools.org or your school counselor.