



# MABELLE B. AVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of the MBA Class of 2023,

It seems perfectly unreal that three years of middle school are coming to a swift end. Our experiences together have shown me our students' significant growth over their time at MBA. They have developed as students, independent learners, and resilient individuals. They are prepared for their next steps. Before we let them go, however, we have a few more things up our sleeves for them. We are looking forward to the 8th Grade Class Outing to High Meadow, yearbook distribution and signing, and the Promotion Ceremony.

I would like to formally invite each of you to the **8th Grade Promotion Ceremony to be celebrated on Thursday, June 8, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on the Somers High School turf field.** Each student will be allowed to have eight (8) family members attend the ceremony in-person. Chairs will be set up to provide space between groups of eight, so family members can be seated together. We ask that chairs not be moved during the event. We will be livestreaming the ceremony for additional individuals who would like to share in this special occasion with our students.

**Parking will be available** in the Somers High School parking lot nearest the field, the Somers Elementary side parking lot, the Somers High School student parking lot, and the MBA upper parking lot. Guests are asked to find their seats promptly upon arrival. **Gates for this event will open at 9:00 a.m.**

**Should the weather not cooperate, we will move the event indoors to the Somers High School Auditorium. Each student will then be limited to two (2) guests.** Again, the event will be livestreamed for guests unable to attend in person. A decision will be made about the change of venue by 12:00 p.m. on June 7. I hope that we can all send our collective wishes for a beautiful day in Somers on June 8th!

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is considered a formal event. Our students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the occasion while also recognizing the likely warmth of the day. All individuals participating in the outdoor event are also encouraged to wear sunblock as deemed appropriate by a parent/guardian. Students may self-apply their own sunscreen in school. **Students should arrive to MBA for a regular day of school, so they can line up in preparation for the procession into the ceremony.**

**At the conclusion of the ceremony, eighth graders will be dismissed from school to continue their celebrations with their respective families off-campus. [Please fill out this form](#) to indicate you will be taking your child home after the ceremony.** While the Promotion Ceremony is on Thursday, June 8, the last

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day of school is Friday, June 9. On that final day, we will be collecting final materials and signing yearbooks! If you have not yet purchased your yearbook and would like to get one, please see the information on our MBA website.

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our eighth graders during this Promotion Ceremony. Our students have worked hard over the last three years, and we are very proud of who they are as students, individuals, and people. We look forward to joining with your families to offer them our sincerest congratulations and best wishes as they move on to high school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the 8th Grade Team Leader Mrs. Marybeth Lipman or to me directly.

Sincerely,

Margot P. Martello  
Principal