SAXE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Saxe Middle School Class of 2020,

As we began this year, we could not have imagined what we would soon be going through. We started with celebrations and normalcy. We were enriched through concerts, plays, classes, and clubs. We had fun. We adopted a new mascot. We learned, experienced, and enjoyed middle school the best we could, and as it should be. Then, the unimaginable happened.

This will be a period in your life that you will remember, forever. Yes, this year was difficult and challenging. Often, it was lonely. But we found a way to get through, together. Thanks go out to your parents, our teachers and staff, our school system, and the community of New Canaan. Most importantly, thank *you*! You should be proud of all that you have accomplished and how much you have grown over the course of this year. I am grateful that I got to be part of this history, with *you*. You are our future leaders and this experience will undoubtedly help shape you as you continue on your journey.

Skills that we know are important, and try to teach, became necessary, overnight. Flexibility, adaptability, communication, creativity, to name just a few. You learned new technologies. You set up "school" in your home. You found new ways to stay connected and remain in contact with your friends and loved ones. Everything changed, but we navigated these unchartered territories, together. You were committed to your mission. You believed in our school community, supported and cared for one another, and made the best of an inconceivable situation. Always remember, there is *nothing* that you can not do or accomplish.

You are the Saxe Middle School Class of 2020. You ARE the future. Oh, the places you will go. You will be at the forefront; leaders in our town. In our state. In our country. Around the world. For that, I am grateful, as we are in good hands. Thank you for being you. I wish you the best in whatever your future holds and I look forward to watching you grow into the fine young adults you will inevitably become. You are well on your way...

I would like to end with a few simple guidelines that I hope you may be able to remember along your journey:

- **Everyone has their own path...**
- **Believe in, (and be), yourself...**
- **Be kind and do what is "right"...**
- **Work hard, but don't be afraid to ask for help...**
- **Every once in a while take a step back and maintain perspective on all we have to be grateful for, and enjoy the ride!**

With that being said, I now officially confer this class as ***the*** Saxe class of 2020, and hand you all off to Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Egan as the New Canaan High School Class of 2024!

Best wishes and be well,



Mr. David M. Gusitsch
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