



# BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Commissioner Infante-Green,

I am writing on behalf of Barrington High School to formally request approval to hold our 2023 graduation ceremony on June 4, 2023. I recognize that this date falls short of the 171 days required for graduating seniors, and we have worked to ensure that the graduating class of 2024 will receive 171 instructional days.

I assure you that the seniors will receive an equivalent of 171 instructional days through the instructional minutes they have received this year. Our students attend school for 6 hours and 35 minutes per day. Each day, they receive 349 minutes of instruction. As a result of the extended instructional hours and only one snow day this year, our seniors will have received the necessary instructional hours to excel beyond graduation. Our high school seniors will have received 57,236 instructional minutes compared to the 56,430 minimum required by the state.

It is important to note that the AP exams occurred in May. 66% of seniors complete AP courses at Barrington High School. These classes complete the required College Board instruction as of the May date. Importantly, Barrington High School continues its instruction in AP courses using deep learning opportunities to further student learning beyond the requisite curriculum.

We have been attempting to find solutions to add days to the school calendar since receiving the April 5, 2023, e-mail from the Deputy Commissioner but have yet to succeed. Last night, I announced that we would need to change our graduation date to the community. As you can imagine, we learned that parents, grandparents, and siblings would miss this momentous event. Following COVID, student and family stress and anxiety are at an all time high. I request that you waive the school day count based on the assurances that all students will have received more than the required instructional minutes and all other state graduation requirements at Barrington High School before June 4, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted for Your Consideration,

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