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SALUTATORIAN SPEECH – MAY 20, 2017

Good morning students, school board members, parents, and friends,

I would like to thank all of you, from teachers to friends and family, for being in attendance this morning. You have all had a profound impact on the development of the students that will be graduating today, and I feel it is safe to say that I speak on behalf of the whole graduating Class of 2017, in thanking you for all of your efforts that you have invested in us to this day.

Today is no small feat. It perhaps is the most significant and life altering achievement most of you can claim to this day. Never hesitate to recognize how proud each and every person here today is for you to complete such a long and difficult task. Having worked for over twelve years just for this moment, it is hard to ignore the determination, perseverance, patience, hard-work and even sacrifice that embodies itself in the attitudes of every graduate. I have no doubt that every graduate here will find a way to succeed in their life, and I encourage all of you to pursue what is most dear to you. Pursue that in which you feel you can make a difference.

Throughout my years in high school, not only have I gained knowledge of the subjects that I have studied, but I also have learned many other lessons as well. At times I know some of you questioned the need to attend class, but gaining intelligence is not the only purpose of it. School has helped to build priceless social skills, as well as instilled a value to succeed. Even if something seems hard to overcome and stand up, having the correct mindset makes all of the difference. If you believe you can achieve anything, and don't allow others to tell you differently, what you are capable of achieving is genuinely amazing.

I encourage you, the Class of 2017, to not only follow the opportunities available to you, but to follow your heart and pursue a cause of particular importance to you. Instead of following the path of past generations and graduating classes, I challenge you all to make your own path. The risks are always present, but you will learn from the mistakes you make and will be able to stand up through that experience. Thank all of you again for participating at our graduation and giving us tremendous support that made us grow up to step out to another world.

Thank you

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