



WEST YORK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mrs. Carrie Jones, *Principal, West York Area High School*

Dear Students and Parents of the West York Area High School Class of 2022:

The Graduation Project, worth .5 of a credit, is a West York Area School District mandated requirement that students must successfully complete to graduate high school. This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we placed this requirement "on hold" until we were able to determine an alternative and valuable experience for our students that would also satisfy the requirements of the Graduation Project.

As a result of the pandemic, we recognize the need for flexibility and are offering three different options for our students, thus allowing each individual to choose an experience that will be the most beneficial for him/her. As we work with our students to help them fulfill the requirements and assess which option they are choosing, we will be asking each junior to fill out a survey in Canvas this week. In the survey, students will be asked to choose one of the following options:

- **Option #1 (Recommended for most students):** The first option is *Junior Achievement's* virtual career fair entitled "JA Inspire."
- **Option #2 (Recommended for students who have already started the Graduation Project):**
The second option is our traditional Graduation Project experience, which will allow for students to independently research a career, take part in community service, or shadow and interview individuals within a career.
- **Option #3 (Recommended for cyber students currently enrolled in Career Planning and Exploration):**
The third option is a career exploration course within our Edgenuity online learning platform.

If your child chooses to complete the JA Inspire program, he/she will receive a link when the program goes live on March 15th. If your child chooses the traditional graduation project, they will be contacted by their counselor within a week of selecting that option. If your child chooses the Edgenuity course, they will be enrolled into the class within a week after selecting that option. Edgenuity login information will be sent to the students via email.

With any of the three options, students will be able to work at their own pace. While each option can be completed outside of school, students will have dedicated time provided to them during the lunch and learn block. Once students submit their choice, we will send additional communication specific to the pathway chosen. We cannot stress enough that it is the responsibility of the student to submit all documented evidence towards the final program completion.

If you have any questions, please call the high school office for clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Jones".

Carrie R. Jones
Principal