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*Last year was difficult.....*

*The immediate future now can be exciting.... at least as far as we are concerned.....*

Dear Parents and Friends.

Making plans for the future has never been more difficult. It is uncertain what the end of the school year will look like for the Linden High School Class of 2021... but we must plan as if Graduation will take place and follow the same traditions that we have always had for our Linden High School Graduating Class.

Usually, by this time of the year, we would be fund raising for Project Graduation. As you may know, the goal of Project Graduation has always been to provide a safe environment for our seniors on their Graduation Night. It was created as a result of seven alcohol and other drug related teen deaths during the commencement season in 1979. Our own Mayor's Youth Commission has hosted Project Graduation for over 25 years.

Last year... due to the Pandemic since we could not host an "in person" Project Graduation, we held a drive thru Post Graduation Celebration and it was a real success. You can find pictures of the event on the City website..... <https://linden-nj.gov/galleries/2020-linden-high-school-graduates/...or> on you tube.

The Class of 2021 has been faced with many challenges this School year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Classes have been held virtually, students have not been able to participate fully with extracurricular activities and have not been able to socialize with their friends.

This year we are hoping that we will be able to host another Post Graduation Celebration that is **"Uplifting and Inspirational"** for our graduates. Something that they will look back on and remember their senior year in a positive way.

Please consider donating to the Youth Commission and help us plan a **"special celebration"** for the Class of 2021. Donations should be mailed to Linden Mayor's Youth Commission, 301 N. Wood Ave, Linden, NJ 07036 or for your convenience... click on PayPal account that can be found on the City of Linden website.

We thank you for your anticipated support in helping us provide a safe environment in which our seniors can celebrate Graduation together.... *safe and sober.*

**Sandy Jackson, President**