GRADUATION RECOGNITIONS

October 19, 2021



CURRENT TRADITIONAL SYSTEM

- Valedictorian
- Salutatorian
- Top 8 Graduates



PROPOSED GREEK SYSTEM

- Summa Cum Laude
- Magna Cum Laude
- Cum Laude
- ~ Eliminates Valedictorian and Salutatorian recognitions for the class of 2027.



WHY WOULD WE MAKE THIS CHANGE?

- Eliminates the need for a child to choose classes to "maintain rank" vs. choosing classes based on interests.
 - For example, choosing an AP course to maintain or improve rank vs. pursuing passion for music, the arts, etc.



WHY WOULD WE MAKE THIS CHANGE?

 A Latin system would celebrate the accomplishments of more graduates vs. our top 8 graduates.



WHY WOULD WE MAKE THIS CHANGE?

- CCP Offerings
 - 1515 College Hours Earned through CCP in 2020-2021.
 - 32% increase from the prior year.
 - CCP courses offer increased opportunities.



WOULD THIS CHANGE IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

- This change will have no impact on student scholarship opportunities.
- We will continue to keep an internal "class rank," which is required for some, but not all scholarships.



WHO WOULD CONDUCT GRADUATION SPEECHES?

- Maintain Senior Class President and Student Body President Speeches.
- Students receiving "Summa Cum Laude" would be able to apply and audition to give a speech to the graduating class.



WHAT IS THE TIMELINE

- Class of 2022/2023 No change in recognitions
- Class of 2024-2026 Maintain our current recognitions, and recognize students under the Latin System in the graduation program.
- Class of 2027 Recognize students under the Latin System only.

