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Dear YMA Seniors and Families:

Yonkers Montessori Academy will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercise on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 2:00pm. Due to the ongoing pandemic and following all CDC guidelines, the Yonkers School District has identified the commencement exercise as a **walkthrough graduation**. The process for our graduation is as follows:

- Students arrive at YMA in vehicles lined up on Wakefield Avenue at their designated time
- Vehicle enters YMA parking lot entrance at Wakefield Avenue and stops at stations 1 and 2
- At Station 2 graduate and up to two (2) guests exit the vehicle and take a picture in front of YMA sign (A driver must remain in the vehicle)
- Family members in the vehicle may take pictures but **may not** get out of the vehicle. When graduate enters building, the vehicle proceeds to the front of building to wait for the graduate and guests
- Graduate and 2 guests enter the building through pool doors and walk to side entrance of the auditorium
  - o Everyone **MUST** wear face coverings at all times except when taking pictures.
  - o Students and guests enter auditorium. Students walk up on stage to receive their diploma. Guests walk to the front of auditorium to watch and take pictures. Graduation process will be live streamed through a web link (Microsoft Teams app will be needed)
- After walking across stage, student rejoins guests at floor level and exits auditorium through back exit closest to main office
- Students and guests exit YMA building through front door by the YMA sign and get into the waiting vehicle.
- As vehicle travels down Woodlawn Avenue, teachers are lined up 6 feet apart along the sidewalk

We are extremely proud of the Class of 2021 and look forward to celebrating this event with our students and their families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eileen E. Rivera, Principal