

JAMES MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

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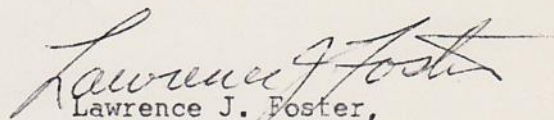
Dear Parents:

The staff of James Monroe High School has attempted in the past to provide for its graduates a graduation ceremony which has the basic element of dignity befitting the occasion.

The tendency to play down the importance of the ceremony by students has grown. The trend is seen in (1) the increasing numbers who choose not to participate; (2) the numbers of graduates and members of the audience who create a disturbance during the program; and (3) the difficulty we have had getting dues cards paid, getting seniors measured, getting caps and gowns picked up, and getting seniors to stay for the rehearsal.

The need for reform causes us to announce planned changes for the ceremony in June, 1972. In the past we have started with a list of all who might qualify and asked for those who did not choose to participate to withdraw their names. We will now start with no list. Those who qualify will be asked to express their interest in participating by meeting specific deadlines and requirements, as indicated in the letter to prospective graduates. The ceremony is not mandatory. The responsibility for meeting the requirements rests solely on the student. Please do not ask for exceptions. We hope to see you at graduation.

Sincerely yours,


Lawrence J. Foster,
Boys' Vice Principal

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