



July 29, 2020

Dear Colts Neck Parents,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the warm summer days!

Due to a concern brought forward to the Colts Neck Police department regarding our annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, I feel it is necessary to address the entire community regarding our upcoming activity.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance format has been completely changed this year to accommodate the Governor's Executive Order pertaining particularly to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. We have changed to an outdoor event, which according to Executive Order 161, socially distanced outdoor gatherings of up to 500 are permitted within the State of New Jersey as of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Our dance has 95 students that have RSVP'd, and 15 chaperones. Executive Order 152, paragraph 2, outlines the guidance for outdoor activities, which is also being followed, per the rules of our Governor. We have followed these measures by changing our menu to a food truck event, with disposable party ware and individual beverages. Additional seating was rented, and we are using the full open space our venue provides to allow for social distance. Being that my occupation is related to the events industry, I have been abreast of all the Executive Orders regarding any gatherings or dining, and have worked closely with our amazing 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance committee to ensure we are hosting a fun, yet safe event.

I want to send a sincere thank you to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance committee, which has worked tirelessly to continue our tradition of celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with an end of year dance. Our plans throughout the process have constantly changed and evolved to meet the safety guidelines, and the committee has been so wonderful in making this happen.

If there are any further concerns, I can always be reached directly by email, [president@coltsneckspto.org](mailto:president@coltsneckspto.org) or my personal cell phone, (732) 233-9184.

My best to all and their families.

Sincerely,  
Amy Dimes