## preparing for an GRADUATION CEREMONY

## **Involve your students in the planning process!** Here are some ideas to help get the conversation started:

- What traditions do we want to continue to honor?
- Are there new traditions we should consider starting?
- Do we want to ask students or staff members questions they can respond to through video?
- What images or videos should be displayed during the processional? Recessional?

• What's the process to select student and staff speaker(s)? Musical selections?

## SAMPLE ONLINE GRADUATION OUTLINE

| DESCRIPTION                      | VISUALS   | AUDIO   | NOTES  |
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| Processional                     | Montage of yearbook and user-uploaded photos                                  | Pomp and Circumstance<br>looping  | Who is organizing these photos?                              |
| Master of Ceremonies             | User-generated video  | User-generated video  | What are the transition points we'll need to record?         |
| Principal's welcoming<br>remarks | User-generated video  | User-generated video  | Where will this be recorded?<br>What's in the background?    |
| Academic Honors                  | User generated video for the introduction. Student photos when names are read | Principal reading the names<br>of students receiving<br>academic honors | Who is organizing these photos?                              |
| Student speaker                  | User-generated video  | User generated video  | What's the audition or selection process?                    |
| Senior video                     | Video highlights from senior<br>year  | Selected by students  | Who is leading the creation of this?                         |
| Musical Selection                | User-generated video  | User-generated video  | Check on licensing agreement for song                        |
| Certification of Class of 2020   | Principal records video   | Principal records video   | Who is writing this?   |
| Presentation of Diplomas         | Student photos  | Staff member(s) reading names alphabetically                            | Are academic honors<br>listed on-screen along with<br>names? |
| Tossing of caps                  | User-generated clips of students throwing caps in the air                     | Start recessional music   | What do we want to use for music here?                       |
| Recessional                      | Montage of yearbook and<br>user-generated videos and<br>clips                 | Continue recessional music  | Who will organize these photos and videos?                   |