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Dear Students,

Congratulations to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual (LGBTQIA+), and ally student graduates of 2020. This achievement is a monumental milestone in your lives.

For those of you who are out, in loving and supportive environments, I join your biological or chosen family and your friends to commemorate this grand occasion.

For those who are struggling during this quarantine in unsafe and unsupportive environments, I see you. I celebrate and honor you. Our community celebrates and honors you. I know your world right now may feel isolated and confining – remember that there's a vast wider world full of broad-minded people who stand ready to support and applaud the amazing things you will accomplish. When you spread your wings, you will soar to great heights.

I would also like to congratulate the Queer Youth Leadership Award (QYLA) nominees. Your advocacy in furthering equality in our schools and beyond deserves recognition. This year's QYLA theme, "Speak up for Equality," should resonate strongly with you - speaking up is exactly what you've done. Thank you for your incredible work and thanks to the QSA Club at New Brighton Middle School for submitting the theme.

Lastly, I wish to express profound gratitude to the teachers who have educated, supported, and inspired you throughout your academic journey, particularly during this pandemic.

We are living in unprecedented times, and the future presents many challenges. But opportunity awaits you, ready for you to take hold and run with it. Be brave, be bold, be creative, be compassionate – be the authentic you that the world needs to heal and thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Stone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent than the last name "Stone".

Mark Stone
Assemblymember, 29th District