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**Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA –**  
**Graduation, #1 Ceremony**

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A Message from the Superintendent

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about the #1 ceremony of the year in our community, high school graduation. As a former teacher, I used to have a sign hanging in my classroom that read “If you decide to drop this class, listen carefully to the sound of closing doors”.

Education creates opportunities for students to succeed, it opens doors of opportunity in one’s life that otherwise might be closed. A HS diploma itself may or may not afford you a career like earning a college degree in engineering, but a high school diploma has become an essential piece of paper that creates other opportunities for future success.

A high school graduate is more likely to earn hundred’s of thousands of dollars more over the course of one’s career than those that don’t have a diploma. Students that use their diploma to move onto college statistically earn up to \$1 million dollars more over that same lifetime. Wouldn’t you want to take your chances with a HS Diploma than without? I certainly know that I would.

The BHHS graduating class of 2017 will be celebrating earning their diplomas on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM at Elmer Bankus Field. The general public is invited to celebrate with us this most important event. These senior students have worked hard over the course of 13 years of studies and have earned over 117 scholarships totaling just over \$91,000 in value. We are very proud of this years graduates, this is a time of celebration. We would all like to thank the parents and community for their support of these graduates. We all know that your support is essential in helping these students academically succeed, remembering that only together can we ensure that Every Student Can succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District.