

## IMPORTANT NOTICE ----- READ FIRST -- BEFORE RSVP

Dear Graduates:

We are excited about our 2023-2024 Black Baccalaureate Ceremony taking place at Lincoln High School.

Let me remind all graduates and their family members that the Baccalaureate is an ***important and monumental ceremony***. Therefore, the behavior of those in attendance should be comparable to that of a joyous Sunday morning worship and not a football game. Catcalls, fraternal calls, cheers, whistles and behavior of the like must be left for outdoor events and not the Baccalaureate. Additionally, loud, vulgar music on the school premises, alcohol and other stimulants should not be brought into the auditorium. Kente stoles other than the one you will receive at the ceremony are not allowed.

The history of the Baccalaureate is rooted in the tradition of our people: dignity and respect. We honor our graduates and their achievement of excellence. We honor our parents and forefathers who struggled to make this opportunity possible. Let us remember that as we enter Lincoln High School on the May 9, 2024.

Sincerely,

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***PS – Please share this letter with your parents, friends and any one else planning to attend the Baccalaureate.***