

1 ■ **SGA Proposal to Reinvent Moving Up Day Activities**

Class Leadership
Waterford-Halfmoon High
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2 ■ **History of Moving Up Day Ceremony**

- Full day with a dress-up ceremony in the morning that included a class skit, class song, class superlatives, the moving up ceremony, and a parade through the Elementary building.
- The afternoon was full of activities for students to participate in.

3 ■ **History of Moving Up Day Ceremony**

- In the past 20 years, the class skit, class song, and class superlatives were removed from the day.
- In 2017, Moving Up Day was reduced to a half day due to a large decrease in student participation/attendance and concerns about the loss of review time so close to Final/Regents exams.

4 ■ **Moving Up Day's Present Form**

As it stands now, Moving Up Day is held in the afternoon. This consists of:

1. The ceremony rehearsal
2. A parade through the Elementary building
3. The National Honor Society tapping ceremony
4. The moving up ceremony including the Senior Slideshow
5. Then followed by cupcakes and yearbook signing in the courtyard.

5 ■ **Attendance/Participation Data**

Moving Up Day 2018

*all data for grades 9-12/grades 7-8 on a field trip

Absent: 71

Early Dismissal: 50

Total Not Participating: 121

6 ■ **Attendance/Participation Data**

Moving Up Day 2019

*all data for grades 9-12/grades 7-8 on a field trip

Absent: 52

Early Dismissal: 45

Total Not Participating: 97

7 ■ **Student Desire to Update**

End of the Year Activities

The student leadership has been asking advisers and administration to update the end of the year celebrations for the past few years, and have been the driving force behind this proposal.

8 ■ **Reasons to Revise Moving Up Day Activities**

- Poor participation by students
 - Absences and early dismissals are high
 - 40-50% of grades 9-12 student body are not participating.
- Less distractions leading up to exams and no loss of review time for students.

9 ■ **Reasons to Revise Moving Up Day Activities**

- Less cost for students
 - No need for families to purchase new dress up outfits each year
- Gender sensitivity
 - We need to be sensitive of all students
 - The Moving Up Day ceremony is very gendered.

10 ■ **Keeping Sentimental Favorites Alive**

We don't want to lose the important and sentimental parts of Moving Up Day!

- The parade through the elementary building
- The National Honor Society tapping
- The Senior Slideshow

11 ■ **Favorite Activities Would Be Relocated/Revised:**

- The parade through the elementary building
 - Would be done at graduation rehearsal in caps/gowns.
- The NHS tapping
 - Would be done at High School Awards Night, so more underclassmen parents will be able to see it.
 - Less upsetting for kids not selected, too
- The Senior Slideshow
 - Would be shown at the start of Graduation so all family can be present for it.

12 ■ **Instead of the Moving Up Day Ceremony**

- A Senior Class Field Trip (day trip) in May
 - Greater participation
 - Less distractions in June (review/exams)
 - More time together to bond as we prepare to part ways
- The Senior Slide Show would be shown to Seniors that morning before departure and again at Graduation for family and friends.

13 ■ **This Year's Senior Class's Wish**

To use their class funds to take have a class picnic at a park/beach area so they can

spend quality time together before parting ways after graduation.

14 ■ **Summary of SGA Proposal**

- The favorite parts of Moving Up Day would remain, but be relocated/updated.
- This plan would save students money.
- It would be gender sensitive.
- It would lead to greater student participation.
- Save class time for important review for exams.
- Create a new tradition to look forward to!

15 ■ **Thank You!**

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