Closing Remarks by Mr. Daly

As I look out at all of you, the 8th grade students, I want to offer my congratulations to you, your families, and your friends.

We are very happy to be able to gather as the Tyl Community to celebrate this amazing group of 8th graders.

I know this year has not been what any of us imagined. I certainly never expected to be speaking from a lift above the parking lot to everyone sitting in their cars. I think that the fact that we are here in celebration is just another example of the way this 8th grade and the Tyl Community has adapted to this situation and overcome new obstacles that we have never encountered before.

Along those lines, I do think it is fitting that you are sitting together with your families. Through this time I hope you have been able to recognize that life has slowed down a bit. There has been much more time spent at home, and hopefully you have been able to use it well and value the change of pace.

I want to congratulate you on persevering and demonstrating resilience through these unexpected challenges on the way to completing your middle school years.

Your middle school years have been a time of great change socially, emotionally, and academically. And these changes are not easy, in fact they are often quite difficult, but you have learned, grown, and found your way through them and here you are, at the end, successful and ready to take on whatever comes next.

As I look out at the crowd assembled here tonight I am reminded that no one does it alone. I hear the honks and I am sure there are proud faces of your families and friends inside of those cars. Please make sure that you take a moment tonight to thank them for their love and support.

It has been a pleasure for us to watch you learn and grow during your time here at Leonard J. Tyl Middle School.

On behalf of all of your teachers and the faculty of Tyl Middle School, we are very proud of you. Let me be the first to introduce the Montville High School class of 2024!