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Yonkers Senator Shelley Mayer Sends Letter To Governor Seeking Permission For In-Person Graduation Ceremonies in July After New Jersey Said It Will Do So On Tuesday.

Senator Shelley Mayer Wants Governor Andrew Cuomo To Allow Yonkers To Hold Outdoor High School Graduations This Summer

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On Wednesday, May 27, Yonkers'

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer sent a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo urging that he permit outdoor in-person high school graduation ceremonies in July under guidance set by the NYS Department of Health.

Senator Shelley Mayer, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, said "Our students have already had to make tremendous sacrifices due to the coronavirus pandemic. High school graduation is such a special milestone I believe that we can find a safe way for them to celebrate."

The letter states: "The high school graduating class of 2020 should be permitted to embrace their achievements, celebrate their successes and be fully recognized as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

The relationships students have developed with their schools, teachers and peers will forever be grounded in their hearts and we know you share with us a commitment to find a way for them to celebrate their final high school moment in a traditional, ceremonial manner"

But some are worried that an outdoor and in person high school graduation in Westchester County's largest city could cause a second outbreak of the pandemic that has devastated the city of hills and has already caused students and families much hardship.

The current pandemic that shut Yonkers and Westchester County down on March 22nd was sparked by a child's bar mitzvah celebration in New Rochelle