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Hello everyone!  It’s so great to see all of you here today to support us as we reach this first of many achievements in our education.  I want to welcome all of you-parents and family, teachers, distinguished guests, friends and of course, my fellow graduates. We’ve gathered here to celebrate our accomplishments and adventures over the past three years. Today, we graduate from middle school, and while it is a milestone in our education, it certainly isn’t the end-actually; it's just the beginning!!  This ceremony marks the end of the first leg of our journey on the road to becoming adults and the beginning of the next new chapter in what we all hope will be lives filled with rich and priceless lessons.

Although it seems like we took all of our tests and did the hard part ourselves-and at times, like right in the middle of taking those tests, it felt **REALLY** lonely (!!!), none of us would be standing here today if it were not for the help and encouragement of some really important people in our lives, and it’s no accident that all of you are here with all of us!!

**NOTES:**

1.  Organize thoughts and group similar ideas together and have a beginning, middle and end.

2. Make sure the narrative (speech) flows- don't get too choppy

3.  Add more events that the students and teachers can relate to as a way to describe the value you got out of attending middle school.