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**RE: VIRTUAL GRADUATIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Last year, we held out hope that we would be able to gather for traditional graduation ceremonies. With the ongoing pandemic, however, it simply was not possible and our schools hosted virtual ceremonies last fall.

This year, we are accepting the reality sooner rather than later. We have asked our elementary and secondary schools to plan for virtual graduations this spring.

Going from Grade 8 to Grade 9 and from secondary school to college, university, apprenticeship training, independent living or the world of work is an important transition in a young person's life.

While our preference would have been to watch each and every graduate cross the stage to accept their diplomas, please know that our schools will go the extra mile to mark the milestone and make it memorable for students, school staff, families and friends.

We look forward to celebrating together, while safely apart.

Thank you for your continued understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Blaseg".

Norm Blaseg  
Director of Education