

April 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we plan for the last few months of the school year, communication and transparency between our division, schools and community continue to be a priority. This letter provides a brief update on graduation and farewell celebrations as well as information about positive COVID-19 cases in our division.

Our schools reimagined graduation and farewell celebrations in 2020 in ways that recognized these important events while respecting public health guidelines. Building on that learning, this year schools will communicate specific plans that celebrate each accomplishment in new and different ways.

We wish to remind parents that although some restrictions in our community have been loosening, our schools continue to be in the Orange level of the Pandemic Response System (PRS). This means that we will continue to follow restrictions in place, including postponing or cancelling in-person concerts and doing them virtually as well as the vast majority of field trips.

We must remain vigilant and continue our efforts by following the fundamentals and following all [Public Health orders](#). One of the most important ways we can keep our schools safe is to stay home when we are not feeling well (even if symptoms are mild) and getting tested as soon as symptoms appear.

In the last week, we have been notified of several positive COVID-19 cases connected to schools in our division; some have been identified as a variant of concern (VOC). In all of the cases, Public Health stated that they do not believe transmission occurred in our schools. We are confident that our vigilance in following the fundamentals is the reason that very few close contacts connected to our schools were identified for these cases.

Details of positive cases in our province can be found on the [COVID dashboard](#). You will note that the dashboard identifies both those cases that were present in school when they were infectious and those that were not present in school when they were infectious.

Thank you for your support and commitment in following public health orders and guidelines at all times, including evenings and weekends, and encouraging those you know to do the same.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent/CEO