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Hello School District No. 58 Grade 12's and Families,

I hope all of you are safe, healthy and as positively engaged as you are able to be. We are thinking about all of you at this time.

It is now really important to ensure that everyone has a clear understanding of the current status for Grade 12's, as we head into the close of our typical school year. June is right around the corner!

When schools were closed, a statement came from the Ministry of Education that those Grade 12's "eligible to graduate" would do so and that no penalty would be incurred by students due to the suspension of in person classes for the foreseeable future.

**That statement meant that if you had all credits in place and were passing or better in all of your required courses at that time, you would graduate and move forward as you typically would.**

**It did not mean that all work in required courses could stop if you were failing a course at that time or did not have all your credits in place.**

At this time our high schools are reaching out to students and families to ensure that students are aware of their current eligibility status and to provide opportunities for students to successfully complete course work, so that they reach a passing grade and/or can improve the grade they had on March 13, 2020.

I would also suggest that students think to the future of their upcoming post-secondary and work transitions. They should attempt to have as many courses completed as possible to ensure success and access to the myriad of opportunities that await them.

Please continue to work with your school to ensure your success in completing Grade 12 and then moving on to the opportunities that will be available to you upon graduation. I know that this is a very challenging time to engage in academics and we are working to provide the technology and connections needed to help you to be successful. Your teachers and counsellors truly care about you and your success. Reach out and ask for support if you feel you need it, answer those emails and join the Zoom meetings, we are all here for you!

My best for your continued success,

Jameel Aziz  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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