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Dear Graduate/Parent/Guardian,

First, I hope that all of you are safe, healthy and managing during this continued challenging time.

Now that May is upon us and we continue to be in a state of Provincial Emergency, it is apparent that commencement activities in our district, province and country will not look like they typically do. I want you to know that our high schools and district staff have been engaged in many conversations around Commencement in order to plan for alternatives to traditional ceremonies. We are looking at the options available to us, as well as looking at what other Districts are doing. We hope to have some clarity for you by mid-May, in order to help you get ready for what will occur during our usual late June dates.

A usual part of Graduation are the Prom type of activities that parents, communities and grads plan, independent of schools. I would request that as you plan these activities, you keep focused on the safety measures that **Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry** continues to remind us of and enforce:

1. **No large group gatherings.**
2. **Maintaining safe social distancing of 2 metres.**
3. **All of the protocols around hand washing and disinfecting.**

**Safety and well-being need to continue to be everyone's primary concern.**

I hope you continue to stay well during these challenging times and would like to remind each Grad to ensure that they have and are continuing to do all that is necessary to make themselves eligible for Graduation in 2020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jameel N. Aziz', is written over a series of horizontal lines.

Jameel N. Aziz  
Assistant Superintendent

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