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Good Evening, Grade 12 Students and Families,

I have a few more graduation ceremony updates to share with you all this evening.

Although we are unable to celebrate our graduates together in groups or have the usual parades through communities this year, we will be celebrating differently, in ways that are safe.

As you know, we have to take into account the protocols that are in place through our department of Public Health.

- ✓ Our event(s) celebrating our grade 12 students will take place over the week of June 22 June 25, celebrating our graduates individually, adhering to public health guidelines
- ✓ Students will have individual appointments to come to the school, receive their graduation package (diploma, report cards, awards, scholarships, etc), and have the opportunity for a photo accompanied by a maximum of four people (this is an increase from the two people I had previously communicated)
- ✓ Our professional photographer will also be on hand to take photos
- ✓ Graduates may bring people from outside their household/family bubble as long as they are physically distanced
- ✓ Our grad photographer will be on hand to take photos
- ✓ To accompany our in person event(s) we are also working on a short video which includes some of those graduation ceremony traditions we don't want our grads missing out on (valedictorian, salutatorian, principal's message, etc)

Similar to our past graduation ceremonies we will celebrate our graduates accomplishments by alphabetical order. The schedule will be as follows:

June 22 / 20	
9:00 am ~ 12:30 pm	Students with Surnames A
1:30 pm ~ 4:30pm	Students with Surnames B and C
June 23 / 20	
9:00 am ~ 12:30 pm	Students with Surnames D, E, F and G
1:30 pm ~ 4:30pm	Students with Surnames H, I, J and K
June 24 / 20	
9:00 am ~ 12:30 pm	Students with surnames L and M
1:30 pm ~ 4:30pm	Students with surnames N, O, P, Q and R
June 25 / 20	
9:00 am ~ 12:30 pm	Students with surnames S, T and U

We will communicate your individual appointment time to you along with public health guidelines in advance of the ceremony.

If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, time please let us know by contacting Vice Principal Glen MacDuff <a href="mailto:gmacduff@hrce.ca">gmacduff@hrce.ca</a>.

Take care and stay safe.

With thanks,

**Gregory MacKinnon**