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Dear Graduates and Parents /Caregivers:

It is an extraordinary time. Knowing that a pandemic is a once-in-a-lifetime event doesn't make it easier for you as you look back on the last years of high school. Much was missed - replaced by masks, hand sanitizer and reminders to stay physically distanced.

As we see signs of spring, and as restrictions are slowly eased in our province, we are hopeful for a continued return to normalcy. However, we continue to be warned that we must continue to be vigilant and follow public health direction.

In response to the many questions regarding graduation ceremonies, please note the following:

Convocation (diploma / award ceremonies). As was the case last year, our High Schools remain committed to planning convocation ceremonies to acknowledge and honour our graduates and their families. Our schools designed creative ways to proceed with ceremonies in June of 2020, with great success. We will be similarly prepared with ceremony options if public health guidelines require adaptations again this June.

Safe Grad (dinner and dance) Unfortunately, at this time, we are confronted with the likelihood that the Provincial Pandemic Response Level and commensurate public health guidelines will not allow for the social aspects of Graduation events – the Safe Grad dinner and celebration – to take place this June. We have been informed at a provincial level that no applications to Safe Grad have been received nor approved by Safe Grad Manitoba.

Fundraising - Fundraising for graduations proceedings shall occur in collaboration with the school, for identified, school-sanctioned items or activities. Funds raised for graduation proceedings shall not be re-allocated to private social events, nor any substitute for Safe Grad.

We recognize how important it is to honour the accomplishments of our graduates and the support of their families. We are committed to finding creative and safe celebration activities in keeping with local and provincial guidelines.

Grads – the next few months will race by – we hope they are filled with effort, learning and a sense of accomplishment as you prepare for what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Roza Gray
Superintendent /CEO