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Dear Grads & Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of Quarter 3, we want to provide you with some information regarding our year end graduation activities as well as some information around scholarships and graduation requirements.

The recent increase in COVID-19 numbers and the spread of its variants continues to limit the types of events that can happen or are allowed to happen. Any event or activity we wish to offer MUST adhere to the guidelines, restrictions and protocols outlined by the Provincial Health Order and Fraser Health (our Local Health Authority). Delta's secondary school principals have been meeting and planning so that if restrictions change and things do open up, we have plans that allow us to incorporate additional graduation activities.

One activity I want to highlight will take place on **Tuesday June 8th**, where we will be officially recognizing and honoring the accomplishments of our graduating students here at Delta Secondary with our **Red Carpet & Commencement Celebration Event** in partnership with Grads BC. *While I am hoping to include parents in this event, your participation will be dependent on the health orders at that time and we will keep you informed whether or not we will be able to provide this opportunity.* We also recognize that some families and friends might organize their own celebrations and these events are NOT sanctioned by the school or the school district. As parents and students, please be aware of what are sanctioned (official) and non-sanctioned events.

Below you will find some important information pertaining to graduation and grade 12 students:

Graduation Requirements:

With the start of Quarter 4 only a week away, we want to make sure all of our grade 12 students are in good standing towards graduation as per the Ministry of Education's Graduation Requirements.

In addition to these requirements we want to ensure all grads have written and successfully completed the following requirements:

- **Numeracy 10 Assessment:** Any student who has not written their numeracy assessment or would like to improve on their previous attempt will need to contact their counsellor to sign up for a writing in June.
- **Career Life Connections 12 & Capstone:** A reminder to grade 12 students of the **May 3 deadline** to complete our CLC and submit your Capstone presentation video. All information and assignments can be found on your CLC 12/Capstone Google Classroom. For any inquiries or assistance, please contact Mrs. Munns: amunns@deltalearns.ca

Grad Fee Reduced to \$25:

Our graduation fee was assessed at \$40 and applied to all graduating students. This grad fee is used to cover the cost of the cap and gown, our commencement ceremony and red-carpet event. Due to the tremendous fundraising efforts of our Grad Council and our graduating class, **we are able to reduce the Grad Fee to \$25.** *Families that have paid their grad fee will receive a \$15 credit.* Families that have not paid their Grad Fee are asked to please pay as soon as possible.

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Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards:

Grads are reminded to monitor the [Career Centre Website](#) for information regarding scholarships, bursaries and awards or make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Jew in our career centre. For more information please email Mrs. Jew kjew@deltasd.bc.ca

Commencement Speeches:

Grade 12's are asked to submit their commencement write up by **Friday May 14th**. Please click on the following [Google Form link](#). A reminder your comment needs to meet the following criteria:

- Length: limited to 250 characters (including spaces) or less
- Content: should/may include "thank you's" and/or a brief plan for next year
- ***** Note: write-ups will be reviewed by staff to ensure they are appropriate and represent all members of our Pacer community.**
- *****Note: any grad that does not submit a commencement write-up may have a generic write-up written for them when they cross the stage**

Grad Week: May 31 – June 4

We are working with our Grad Council and teachers to plan an activity filled week which will include spirit days, prize contests and more to help generate some school spirit while recognizing our graduating class at Delta Secondary. Grad's stay tuned for more information.

Grads BC – Red Carpet and Commencement Ceremony Event

This year's event will take place at Delta Secondary on **Tuesday June 8 from 9:00am – 8:00pm**. As we get closer to the date a more detailed schedule of times and information items will be provided. Like last year, the event will pre-capture the graduation moments that honour and recognize graduating students:

- Red carpet walk
- Photograph in their formal or semi-formal attire
- Virtual commencement that includes speeches and Valedictory Address
- Grads crossing the stage in their cap and gown with their commencement comment read
- Hat toss station & highlight video of the event
- Professional family portrait outside by Artona Photography

We are striving to honour and celebrate our Grads for their amazing accomplishments during 13 years of school. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these extraordinary times. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal

Maggie Callander,
Vice Principal