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Re: June 8th Grad Celebration Event at Delta Secondary

Dear Grade 12 students and families,

I hope my letter finds you well and that the upcoming Spring Break holiday will be an opportunity for families to spend some quality time in a safe and healthy manner. I want to inform you that a date and location have been confirmed for our Grad Celebration event in partnership with Grads BC. I am aware that there have been multiple messages sent out regarding possible grad events and want to assure you that the school will be providing “school sanctioned” celebratory event(s) that recognize, honour and congratulate the graduating class of 2021.

Please save June 8th as a date where we will be recognizing and honouring the accomplishments of our graduating students here at Delta Secondary. As we get closer to the date, a letter will be provided containing more information and details for students and parents regarding the logistics of the event.

This event will be recorded and released within weeks of its filming, allowing Grads to share this special moment with family, friends, teachers and classmates. Similar to last year, this event will incorporate the following for our graduating students:

- Red carpet walk and a photograph in their formal/semi formal attire
- Virtual commencement that includes the crossing of the stage, a photo with their leaving certificate and having their graduation comment read
- Hat toss station and photograph to commemorate their graduation
- Professional family portrait outside

I am hoping to include parents in this event where you will accompany your child through the graduation production experience. ***This opportunity for parents 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.*** All of our planning will be based on the most current health orders at the time and any grad related events includes a range of scenarios to accommodate for the health orders at that time.

In addition to the June 8th event, we are in discussions with the Delta School District and Local Health Authority to see about other possibilities for the school to celebrate our Grads and families will be informed as they are confirmed.

I recognize that our plan is different from the past graduation experiences, but I believe that this will honour our students in a meaningful and safe way.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these extraordinary times. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John Pavão
Principal