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Dear Parents/Caregivers of the Class of 2020:

Since my last letter, the province has created guidelines on car-based drive-in events, including graduations. However, even with these guidelines in place, the recommendation remains to plan virtual or live-streamed events instead of in-person drive-in celebrations whenever possible.

We are all proud of the achievements of our grade 12 students. I fully understand that this is a very important milestone for our students, their families and their communities. Given that we are still in a pandemic, I am encouraging schools to continue planning unique virtual and live streamed ways to recognize the Class of 2020. From what I’ve heard, there are some very thoughtful and creative ceremonies being prepared!

In many communities, there are two parts to graduation: the school-sanctioned commencement ceremony and the celebration afterward, which is often organized by a parent group and is not school sanctioned.

Living Sky School Division cannot authorize graduation drive-in ceremonies or car parades. As far as the celebrations afterward go, these, as always, are not school division sanctioned events. Therefore, please do talk to the planning committees directly regarding their intentions.

Our hope is that the celebrations planned by schools will offer our seniors a positive conclusion to their high school experience and will allow them to look to the future with hope and optimism.

Congratulations and best wishes in all that lies ahead!

Sincerely,

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