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Dear Westwood Class of 2020 Families;

Thank you for your patience, as we know you have all been waiting to hear what is planned for celebrating and honouring the Class of 2020. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions as per the recommendation of the Public Health Officer regarding public gatherings, all formal convocations in our province are postponed. Also, "The Event", our Safe Grad fundraiser, is now officially cancelled.

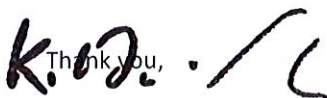
We have rescheduled the traditional Convocation Ceremony at the Centennial Concert Hall for **Monday, October 12 at 9:00am**. The Grad Dinner has been rescheduled to occur on **Friday, October 30, 2020**, at the Victoria Inn, should we be allowed to gather. Details regarding these two events will follow.

However, because we feel it is important to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of Westwood's Class of 2020 before the end of June, we have begun to plan a unique way to present them with their diplomas, report cards, transcripts, scholarships, and awards in front of their family. Please review the information below with the understanding that all future events are subject to guidelines set forth by the Province and the Chief Public Health Officer.

During the day of June 25, each grad, wearing the cap and gown provided, will walk across a stage at our school and accept their grad folder and congratulations from our administration and have their picture taken by a staff member. After crossing the stage, the grad will have the opportunity to take more photos on school grounds and will then return their gown at a designated location – the cap and tassel can be kept as a memento. This event is **optional**, and each family will need to indicate whether they would like to take part by calling the school during the first week of June. Please note that physical distancing will be maintained, and there will be no accessibility to school washrooms or change rooms for this event. Details, including parking, designated entry and exit locations, as well as the specific route through the school for both the graduate and their family, will be shared once we have received confirmation that your graduate would like to take part in this opportunity. We are asking that each grad have no more than 8 guests in attendance.

To ensure for a memorable event, we need to move quickly with our preparations, so we are asking that you RSVP to this invitation by calling the school. **The deadline to RSVP is June 5th at 3:00 PM**. For those who wish to take part in this event, more information will be sent out in the coming days which will further explain the logistics of the day as well as the safeguards that will be in place to ensure compliance with provincial regulations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

Thank you, 

Kevin Dueck
Principal

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