



NORTH DELTA SECONDARY

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade 12 students

We are very sensitive to the fact that these past few weeks have been especially unsettling for our grade 12 students. We want you to know that we are committed to supporting all of Delta's grade 12 students in their journey to meet graduation requirements and for a smooth transition to post-secondary.

At this time, the Ministry of Education has made it clear that: "all students eligible to graduate this year will graduate. To be eligible to graduate this year means that a student satisfies all graduation requirements by the end of June, including successfully completing all required courses currently underway and scheduled for completion this June. Please understand, this does not mean that students will graduate "no matter what". All grade 12 students currently enrolled in courses are expected to continue their learning and complete the assignments set out by their teachers in order to graduate." (*Ministry of Education, April 4, 2020*).

Over the month of April, staff members from our school will be contacting each of our current grade 12 students by phone to review their current status with respect to eligibility for graduation. We are asking for your patience as this process may take several weeks. Again, we will do everything we can to help students meet their graduation requirements.

We will endeavour to keep you updated regularly as we move closer to June. Information will be made available on the school and district websites as well as the Ministry of Education website.

Graduation Requirements

- The graduation requirements have not changed for the 2020 Grads. Please see [Grad Requirements](#)
- Students can view their transcript through the Ministry [Transcript Service](#) (Instructions on how to access are attached to this letter).
- The Ministry of Education has stated that the Numeracy 10 Assessment still needs to be completed as a graduation requirement. At this time, the Ministry of Education is working on a range of possible ways for those grade 12 students who have not completed the Numeracy 10 Assessment but are otherwise on track to graduate this school year to do so.
- Capstone and Career Life Connections remain courses that all Grade 12's **need** to complete to graduate. We are actively looking at ways for students to present their Capstone projects. More specific information on Capstone will be coming out in the near future.

Career Life Connections (CLC)/Capstone

- CLC and Capstone remain courses that all Grade 12's need to complete and pass. They are graduation requirements.
- Teachers will work with students to fulfill the requirements of Career Life Connections.

- For the specific requirement of 30 hours of work experience or career-life experience, students can be given many opportunities to fulfil these requirements in alternative ways. For example, students could do work around their home such as babysitting younger siblings, household cleaning, yard maintenance, food preparation, maintenance work or household accounting. They can also put in 30+ hours working on the Capstone project. Please note: Student safety is paramount and normal mentorship requirements may not be possible.

Continuation of Learning

- Teachers, if they have not done so already, will be contacting students this week to provide them with information about how learning will continue.
- Teachers will work with parents/guardians and students to ensure that students are engaged in appropriate learning opportunities during the suspension of in-class instruction. In doing so, teachers will take into account those students whose learning needs or circumstances may necessitate unique approaches and they will work with our inclusive learning team(s) to provide support.
- The school will issue report cards on April 16 and a Final Report Card at the end of June. Final Report Cards will include an assessment of student learning that took place prior to March 13 and from April 6 onwards.

Grad activities

- At this time, all Grad activities have been paused, including the Grad Banquet. We would suggest that you do not commit non-refundable deposits for anything related to Grad activities. We hope to see the Commencement Ceremony continue in June but we will have to wait and see how our current situation progresses. We will develop contingency plans to have a Commencement Ceremony once schools resume normal operation.

Post Secondary

- The Ministry is also working with post-secondary institutions to ensure graduating students will transition successfully.

Scholarships

- Please monitor the Career Centre website for information on scholarships.

Parent support and assisting your graduate

- Career Centre web site
- <https://www.openschool.bc.ca/keeplearning/>
- <https://familysupportbc.com/>
- <https://inclusionbc.org/>
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/FC08147DF5C4438F93059C8E7BFF37B0>

We will keep you updated as information changes. In the meantime, please call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Akune
Principal