

March 26, 2020

Dear Graduates of 2020 and families,

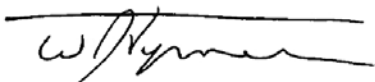
I'm sincerely sorry to inform you that due to the uncertain nature of what will happen given the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision to cancel all spring graduation ceremonies in Horizon School Division has been made.

We understand that this final semester for all of you graduating this year is unlike anything we have encountered in our lifetimes. Across the division, we're mourning the absence of students in schools and the community that goes along with life in a school. The pandemic has forced the government, school divisions, and schools themselves to make very difficult decisions based on many unknowns.

Many people have asked about plans for graduation ceremonies scheduled for this spring, we have consulted with all high school principals on how to proceed and have made the difficult decision to cancel all events this spring. Schools may consider options to honour 2020 Graduates at an alternate event in the fall or to include graduates in next year's ceremonies.

As one of our principals wisely commented, "Although the celebrations of your accomplishments won't be traditional, they will be historic."

Sincerely,



Dr. Wilco Tymensen
Superintendent of Schools