



Bluewater District School Board

351 1st Avenue North – PO Box 190
Chesley ON N0G 1L0
Telephone: (519) 363-2014 Fax: (519) 370-2909
www.bwdsb.on.ca

June 8, 2020

Dear Grade 8 Class of 2020 Graduate:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of Bluewater District School Board, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations as you prepare to graduate from Grade 8 and begin your secondary years.

We know that the challenges and uncertainty caused by COVID-19 have disrupted many of the school activities, events, and celebrations that we normally look forward to at this time of year. This includes Grade 8 graduation, which is an extremely important and highly anticipated milestone for many of our students and families.

Please know that we are committed to ensuring that you can still participate in a meaningful and memorable Grade 8 graduation ceremony to celebrate the culmination of your elementary school years.

To make sure our Grade 8 graduates are fully honoured as they well deserve, all formal ceremonies are being postponed until the fall of 2020, or when it is determined safe to do so. While staging these events in June is our usual preference, we hope postponing provides some comfort in knowing that your Grade 8 graduation will not go unnoticed. Further details will be shared as arrangements are made.

Despite the impact on the timing of these events, we hope you see a glimmer of positivity in this situation by recognizing how unique you are in sharing a historical global experience with other students. Today's inconvenience will make for an interesting story for you to tell years down the road.

We are so proud of you and the resilience you have shown during these unprecedented times. Again, please accept our congratulations on all you have accomplished, and best of luck as you take that next significant step forward in becoming a secondary student.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Johnstone".

Jan Johnstone
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alana Murray".

Alana Murray
Director of Education

c.c. Elementary School Principals
Trustees