



Tuesday September 22, 2020.

Dear Graduates and Families of St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School,

Earlier this year, the DSBN told our students and families that we would postpone our graduation ceremonies until the fall for our 2020 graduates if it was safe to do so. However, given the current trend of the COVID-19 pandemic, for health and safety reasons the DSBN has made the difficult decision to cancel all secondary school graduation ceremonies.

This decision was also made due to new guidelines from the Ontario government to restrict the number of people permitted to attend unmonitored and private social gatherings across the entire province, made effective this past weekend. The new protocols limit indoor events or gathering to only 10 people, and outdoor events or gatherings to 25 people.

We know graduation is an important milestone in our students' lives, and we are disappointed that we are not able to celebrate with you in-person to acknowledge your accomplishments; your achievements certainly did not go unnoticed. However, your health and safety is a top priority, and is why we had to make this difficult choice. Please know, that your achievements have not gone unnoticed and that we are extremely proud of you.

A "diploma pick-up" will be organized for students to get their diploma and official transcript. We will keep you updated as we finalize these plans.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Johanna Provost
Principal
St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School