

Dear Parents,

Re: Grade 9 celebrations

Given the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the corresponding closure of schools and social distancing requirements, I am sorry to inform you that all Grade 9 celebrations in Elk Island Public Schools for 2020 have been cancelled.

I know you and your children will be disappointed by this news. The Grade 9 celebration is one I know students really look forward to, and they enjoy spending that time with their friends before the summer break and the beginning of high school.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has significantly limited how we are able to celebrate this milestone. As recently as April 24, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health indicated the virus causing COVID-19 will not disappear over the summer but instead will be with us for many months to come. That being the case, we anticipate the restrictions on gatherings of more than 15 will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

We are proud of all they have achieved and for staff, this event was our chance to wish them well on the next phase of their academic journey. Although we are disappointed that we will not have an opportunity to celebrate with our Grade 9s, we know there are wonderful experiences ahead for them.

Thank you for your kind understanding in these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Brad Cooksley
Principal
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