

September 28, 2020

Dear Assumption College 2020 Graduates, Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this communication is to provide you an update on the status of our school's 2020 graduation ceremony that was scheduled to take place this fall. Over the last week, the Board has been in contact with the Brant County Public Health Unit to review and discuss our secondary school graduation ceremony plan. Upon review of the plan, Public Health has recommended that we avoid unnecessary public gatherings of 50 people or more to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Understanding that we rely on our Public Health experts to guide our practices and procedures, we have been notified that the Board has made the difficult decision to cancel all in-person fall secondary school graduation ceremonies.

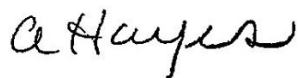
The health and safety of our community is our priority. We understand that a secondary graduation ceremony is an important and celebrated milestone for you and your family, but during this pandemic we feel that we must heed to the advice of Public Health.

At this time, Assumption College is exploring an alternative way to recognize our graduates. We will share what that looks like as soon as we formalize the details.

To support the Public Health directive to minimize direct contact, we will be distributing secondary school diplomas and student awards over the next month via Canada Post mail. You will receive your documents soon.

Graduates, we know this isn't how you saw yourselves celebrating the end of your secondary journey and all your accomplishments, and I would like to extend admiration and gratitude that I have for the resilience, selflessness and leadership that you exhibit. The 2020 graduating class will not be remembered as a cancelled in-person graduation ceremony, but rather as an exemplary group of individuals who are responsible citizens and outstanding Catholic graduates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Allison Hayes
Principal, Assumption College School