



Surrey Schools

LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING

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April 28, 2020

Dear students, parents and/guardians,

I hope you are safe, healthy and doing well.

“Week #5” of providing “continuity of learning” is drawing to a close. Over the last number of weeks, teachers and support staff have been working diligently to connect with and support students so that their learning continues online, to help ensure that all students will have the opportunity to complete courses they are working on, by the end of June. At this time, the staff are hopeful that all students have now established positive routines with respect to attending to, and completing, course work. We know, and appreciate, the efforts that you are putting forth in working with us, and your child, as we move toward the end of the school year.

Term 3 for the 2019/20 school year is now over. A formal Report Card is being issued electronically through the Parent Portal in MyEd BC, and will be available no later than Friday May 1st. For parents to receive the Report Card, the school needs to have a **current** and correct email address, so please ensure that we have this information. Prior to publishing the Report Cards, an email will be sent explaining how to access your child’s Report Card.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and final term for this school has begun, and continues through to late June. Students need to work diligently, by giving courses the time and attention needed. This will help to ensure that educational goals such as graduation, moving on to the next grade, or course completions are successfully achieved. We want all our learners to finish the school year on a positive note, and with a strong sense of accomplishment.

With respect to achieving graduation, I want to reiterate that to be “**eligible to graduate**” means “a student will satisfy all graduation requirements upon successful completion of courses they currently have underway and are continuing through to June 2020”. Students are **expected to complete assigned work** and demonstrate that they have achieved the core/curricular competencies for the courses they are working on.

And now, a very difficult message that needs to be delivered to the graduates, parents, and families. Due to the position that we currently find ourselves in (Covid 19 pandemic), the graduation ceremony scheduled for June 23, 2020, has been cancelled. Jordan Tinney, Surrey Schools Superintendent sent out a video message on April 20, addressing the reasoning for this decision: <https://vimeo.com/409645152>.



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We know from listening to Dr. Bonnie Henry, our PHO, it will be a long time until we can have large gatherings. Therefore, at this time, it is simply not possible to have a graduation ceremony. This is disappointing for our graduates, for families, friends, and for our staff.

**Graduates and potential graduates**, we recognize that you have worked very hard to arrive at this significant milestone of graduation. Some of you are continuing your studies, during a pandemic, to fulfill grad requirements, something that no other modern day graduate has had to do. This speaks to courage, resiliency and perseverance! You are all unique and remarkable individuals, well deserving of recognition. Graduation is a time of celebration. Please know that the staff at GLC are working together to decide upon some way (perhaps something virtual), to honour your accomplishments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the school at [guildfordlc@surreyschools.ca](mailto:guildfordlc@surreyschools.ca)

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Regards,

Aileen Kinsella,  
Principal, GLC