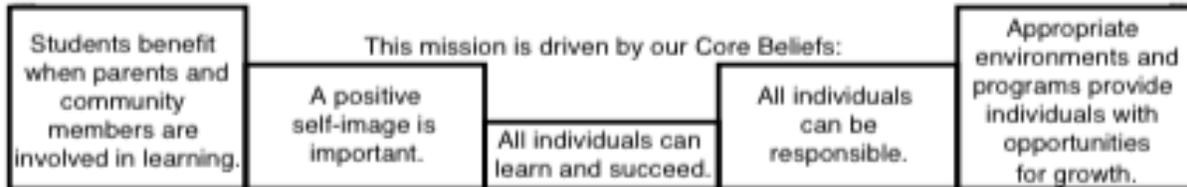




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June 4, 2021

RE: Graduation 2021 Plans

Dear Grade 12 Parents and Guardians,

We would like to update you on the school-based plans for graduation. The provincial protocols and restrictions associated with the pandemic will significantly alter our graduation events again this year. We appreciate your understanding and willingness to work with us through these times to plan events that recognize and celebrate our graduates.

Late last week, we received communication from the Ministry of Education stating the K-12 school system would not be adjusting protocols for the remainder of the year. This included direction regarding Graduation Ceremonies and instruction for schools to 'stay the course' with event planning. The Ministry of Education was specific in their documentation that the new indoor gathering size limit of 50, effective June 15th, **does not** apply to school organized graduation events held on or off school grounds, both inside and outside. Currently, Chetwynd Secondary is able to offer two options for the graduation ceremony, based on the Ministry of Education guidelines.

OPTION #1 – Virtual Graduation (Learning Group Ceremony)

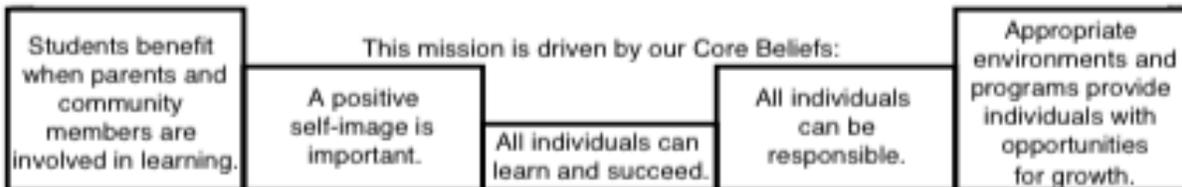
In this option, students will be able to graduate with their classmates. It will be held in the school gym and livestreamed for families to watch. Parents would not be able to attend this ceremony in person. Scholarships and bursaries will be presented during the ceremony. Speakers from outside of the school will record their speeches.

OPTION # 2 – Individual Ceremonies

In this option, each student would have an individual ceremony and be allowed to have up to 4 guests (which should be members of the student's household(s) or someone that lives on their own but regularly interacts with the occupants of the household). Students would schedule their arrival time and each one would have the opportunity to cross the stage, be given their diploma, and any awards or bursaries they have received. Families would be able to take pictures and then exit the building.



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We will be having a virtual Parent / Grad meeting on **Tuesday, June 8** at **6:00 pm**. At this meeting we will discuss both options and grads will have the ability to vote on what option they want. Both options are not ideal, but they can still be meaningful and memorable celebrations of this milestone. These two options are what we are able to offer. Chetwynd Secondary must abide by the direction of the Ministry of Education. For clarification, we are not able to offer multiple ceremonies with groups of parents inside the gym or outdoor gatherings of any kind on school property.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. I know that Graduation is an important time and an emotional time. We here at CSS are trying to create a memorable experience. We look forward to your insight and advice at the meeting.

Thank You,

CSS Administration