



May 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we settle into our Supplemental Learning Program, students and staff are beginning to focus on the end of the school year and our annual graduation celebrations.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, School Divisions within the province of Saskatchewan were directed that in-person graduation ceremonies, held either inside or outside, are not permitted for the class of 2020.

“This decision is heartbreaking, for our students, their families and our staff but it is made to protect the health and well-being of our community. The health and wellness of our students and staff is the top priority in LPSD” stated Karoline Kennedy, Board of Education Chairperson.

Paula Scott Board Chair of LCSDF shared “as a parent of the Class of 2020, I know our children, our students will mark the accomplishments of their 13 years with us differently than any that have come before. Yet, it is with an understanding that what is best for the City of Lloydminster and region must guide the decisions we make as a School Division. Our celebration in 2020 will ensure safety for students, staff and families and this is our first priority.”

LCSS, Holy Rosary and Avery Outreach School are in the process of developing virtual graduation ceremonies which will highlight the many accomplishments of their graduates. Parents can expect to receive more information regarding the specifics of these virtual events over the coming weeks.

Both School Divisions are disappointed that we won't be able to gather in person to celebrate the achievements of our students. This year's graduation will be different, but it will continue in the tradition of marking the accomplishments of our children. We look forward to joining you in honouring the hard work and dedication of our graduates during our virtual celebrations at the end of June.

We will continue to keep the families of all graduates apprised of changes to the advice offered on Graduation by the Provincial Response Team. Should the direction from the Province change in the coming weeks, we will revise our planning accordingly. We believe however, that sharing what we know with our parents, as we know it, has been a hallmark of our success thus far in addressing the pandemic. We will continue to do so as we move forward.

We want to thank-you in advance for your cooperation and understanding during this challenging time. As a City, we look forward to celebrating the success of our students.

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Todd Robinson  
LPSD Director of Education

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Nigel McCarthy  
LCSDF Director of Education