



## *W.J. FRICKER PUBLIC SCHOOL*

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Graduation is a special and important milestone for our students. This year, we are committed to honouring the achievements of our grade 6 and 8 students in their educational milestone. Our staff plans to provide recognition of all graduates in ways that are safe and accessible to all families within our school community. As a school, we acknowledge the extraordinary challenges our families are facing and will ensure each student is recognized in a manner that reflects the exceptional significance of their graduation in 2020 as a hopeful and uplifting event in complex times. WJ Fricker, and Near North DSB are very proud of all of our graduates!

A virtual graduation ceremony video is planned for both our Grade 8 and Grade 6 classes. Please refer to specific email communication from your classroom teacher for details. In addition to the virtual ceremony, each of our graduating groups will be given their day to attend at the school to pick up their diploma and other graduation materials. During your scheduled time, please arrive at the school by travelling through the bus loop. When you get to the front door, your homeroom teacher, and our principal Mrs. Taylor will approach the car to congratulate the graduate from a safe 2m distance (it would be helpful if the graduate was seated on the passenger side of the car!) Your diploma, your report card, your copy of the school yearbook and other graduation items will be placed on the table on the sidewalk (along with the contents of your locker and any other personal items). Once staff have stepped away from the area (back past the pilons) you are welcome to exit the vehicle, retrieve your items and then get back into your car. Please only one person out of the car (for example, the graduate or a parent). As you leave the parking lot, if you would like to stop and take a picture at the Fricker road sign by the sidewalk, you are encouraged to do so! Please respect social distancing guidelines and remain in your vehicle until any graduates ahead of you have left school property.

We know that this is not the graduation you had planned, nor is it quite like a walk across a stage, but we hope that in some way it helps you celebrate this important event in your education during these challenging times.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Attached please also find our Safe Return of Student Belongings Protocol. We ask that you read the protocol prior to your drive through Graduation/pick up day so that you are familiar with the protocols around student belongings.

Heather Taylor,

Principal

## *Safe Return of Student Belongings Protocol*

### *Acknowledgement:*

*Parent/Guardian will acknowledge that the Near North DSB is not responsible for the content or condition of items in the locker during removal and/or personal items retrieved. Parents/Guardians must indicate if there are specific items (such as sharp objects, medications, etc.) contained in lockers that staff should be made aware of.*

### *Arrival:*

*Parent/Guardian arrives at the school's specified pick-up location and remains in their vehicle.*

### *Pick-up:*

*School staff will verify parent/guardian and confirm which student they are picking up items for.*

### *Departure:*

*Bag(s) with locker contents and/or personal items retrieved are placed on a table outside of building or bag(s) will be placed two (2) metres from the vehicle. Parent/Guardian exits their vehicle and collects the bag(s) from the table or designated area and leaves the school property. If a parent/guardian is able, they may open the trunk from within their car and the bag(s) will be placed in the trunk and closed*

