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Report cards and graduation

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is it! It's the final week of school in a school year that combined in class instruction with at home and teacher-led distance learning. On behalf of staff in Rainbow Schools, I would like to thank students and families for persevering. You did it and we are very proud of you.

For the Class of 2020, this is a graduation like no other. You have demonstrated that you have the capacity to adapt to changing circumstances which is a skill that will serve you well as you move forward in learning and in life. We look forward to celebrating your achievements with you, your family and friends when it is safe to come together again.

Until then, the entire community joins with us in saluting the graduates of Rainbow Schools. We asked community leaders to share their good wishes and words of wisdom with you. You can read this tribute to the Class of 2020 on our website later this week. We also invite you to take a look at our feature stories, bringing learning to life during school closures.

The end of the school year, as always, comes with report cards. This year, report cards will be mailed to all homes the first week of July as part of our ongoing COVID-safe practices. And we remind all students and families to remain vigilant and continue to follow the guidance of Public Health to limit the spread of the virus.

For students who are participating in the Summer Learning Program or e-Learning, our staff look forward to joining you online to further develop skills in literacy and numeracy and, at the secondary level, offer students opportunities to earn credits towards their diploma.

Looking ahead, we are planning for the safe re-opening of schools with three possibilities as guided by the Ministry of Education and Public Health - normal school day with enhanced public health protocols, modified school day to allow physical distancing and cohorts of students, and at home learning.

The adapted model could include alternate day or alternate week attendance, staggered bell times and recess, and different transportation arrangements, with safety first and foremost. We will share more information as we assess the situation closer to the start of school. Have a safe summer!

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education