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Dear graduating students and families of graduating students of Sir Winston Churchill:

We hope that you and your families are doing well in these very challenging times. We want to reassure you that we are working on plans to ensure you graduate in June. The DSBN is collaborating with the Ministry of Education who are working with both the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, and the Ministry of Labour Training and Skills Development to ensure your post secondary plans continue (including Apprenticeship, College and University).

Our graduates are of top priority during the school shut down. We are planning to transition to an online or distance format of learning. Over the next number of days you will receive more specific details about what this will look like. Please follow school and DSBN websites and social media to keep up to date on new developments. For those of you that have not completed the OSSLT (literacy requirement), the government has waived this requirement for your graduation this June. More information about the 40 community involvement hours and SHSMs will follow, however the Ministry has stated that there will be no barriers to your graduation.

If you are taking E-Learning courses or dual credits, we will share some more specific information with you in the next few days.

We encourage you as student leaders to follow public health directions about social distancing. We've heard from some of you already asking about graduation related events. At this time, it is too early to determine if these events will occur.

We are doing everything we can to support your path to graduation.

Please contact me if you do not have access to a device or Internet service, so that we can make accommodations to support your learning. Additionally if you and your family have any other needs, do not hesitate to reach out. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at: [ann.gilmore@dsbn.org](mailto:ann.gilmore@dsbn.org).

Sincerely

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