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Dear Graduating Students,

I am reaching out to you today to bring you some reassurance during these uncertain times.

As your principal, I understand the hard work and determination each of you have put forward in order to complete your secondary school education. I also understand that you are missing your friends, your sports teams, your clubs and the routine that school brings to your life. We are missing that too.

I want you to know that we will work through this difficult time together. Your teachers have been reaching out to you offering not only their support, but distance-learning options that will assist you with the continuity of learning during school closures. Our shared goal is to ensure the successful completion of the school year for all students, and to support students to advance to the next school year, earn credits and to graduate. Please know, that for those students who are on track to graduate, your graduation will not be compromised due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those proceeding onto post-secondary education will receive the necessary supports.

It is important that you remain engaged in your learning and focused on the completion of course work. The Ministry of Education recognizes the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic presents and has indicated that for students who are unable to accomplish the 40 hours of community service, this graduation requirement will be waived for this year. The Ministry of Education has also waived the literacy requirement and has assured us that students in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program will receive their Red Seal designation on their diploma upon graduation.

Finally, I want to make sure that you are taking care of your mental health and well-being. It is normal to feel uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Significant changes to daily routines and structures, changes to social interactions with peers, educators and other important people in your lives, can result in accumulated stress and questions. If you need support, please reach out to your teachers and guidance counsellors. [Mental health and well-being](#) resources and information are available on the Simcoe County District School Board website at www.scdsb.on.ca/covid-19.

Please stay well and take care of yourself.

Sincerely,

G. Brucker
Principal