



Grads I want to send an email to all of you to clarify a few things from our meeting and propose a couple of things. First and foremost, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to understand that because of COVID we cannot make firm plans, everything is tentative. We are planning some options, and we may not be able to do any of them, or even decide to do them until a week to ten days before grad. We must remember that we may not be able to even do what was done last year. As we get closer to our proposed grad event, we will better be able to assess what we can do based upon the COVID protocols in place at that time.

Please consider each of the numbered items below:

1. We are planning towards having an outside event on June 12, but as we've discussed, if the weather looks far better on June 11, we are leaving the option open to switch to that date. We would do that only in the most clear weather circumstances, and that call would be made the week of grad. Just a note about the date. In the early planning stages we were leaning toward June 11, but since we wanted to incorporate an outdoor banquet/picnic, we felt June 12 would work better.
2. Considering our discussion regarding the ordering and wearing of grad gowns, I strongly propose that grad gowns be rented for everyone so that a group picture can be taken with grad gowns worn by everyone. Of course, we will also take a group picture without the rented grad gowns. (As the cost of renting the gown is covered by funds already raised, this is no additional cost to each grad.)
3. As far as wearing the rented grad gown during any part of the grad ceremony, that would be up to the individual grad. It is each person's decision to wear the grad gown to receive their diploma or not.
4. Gowns will be available the day before the ceremony for you to take home and get photos in them if you like. Remember, you **MUST** bring the gown with you to grad for the group photo in gowns should we be allowed to take such a photo.
5. A "Graduation Intent" form was distributed to many of the grads on Monday, April 12. If you did not receive one, please pick one up from the office immediately and return to the office completed by this Friday, April 16th. In this form, you will indicate whether you plan to attend the proposed Class of 2021 Picnic, whether you plan to attend the Cap & Gown Ceremony, information regarding tickets, and the size of the grad gown to be ordered for you.
6. People have asked if they can have more than one vehicle at the Cap & Gown Ceremony. The space in front of the school is limited and from our experience last year if we have several who want two vehicles it would cause people to be pushed to the far north and south and their view of

the ceremony is very poor. We want this for no one. People made it work last year by borrowing vans or suburbans to fit more of their family in. For this reason, we will not be allowing more than one vehicle per grad at the Cap & Gown. Consideration will be given to grads whose parents are not together and separate vehicles are required. Please talk to me directly if this is your circumstance.

7. Concerning the picnic/banquet, right now with COVID protocols it would look like everyone would be getting Blair's fried chicken take out style. We can hope and plan for something in person, but that is a wait and see situation. Further details about this option can only be finalized closer to the date.

8. You also need to provide by the end of April three photos to Nich Housenga for the grad video. If you can, send a baby picture, one between the ages of 5-8 and one early teen (12-14). Please email these to Nich at [21housengan@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:21housengan@lrsd.ab.ca). If you need a hard copy scanned, bring the photos to the office.

9. The last request is that you email your grad song to Mr. Baxter. You have a 30 sec section of the song to walk the red carpet, receive your diploma, and walk back. You can just email him the song marking the time where you want it to start. His email address is [baxterch@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:baxterch@lrsd.ab.ca).

We are hopeful that the circumstances will develop so that we can have a great grad celebration, but please remember that everything at this point is still tentative. Please address each item in

this email as requested. I know you can do it!



Cheers  
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