



April 17, 2020

To: Secondary Parents

Dear Parents,

I hope you are doing well during this unusual time. I know it is stressful on everyone as we navigate new ways of working, connecting, and socialising. In recent letters I have emphasized the importance that you and your child take it slow and avoid being overwhelmed by the workload. We have also tried to communicate that students that were on the path to graduate in June still are.

That said, we want students and their parents to be aware that secondary school students are still expected to continue to work on assignments to fulfill the expectations of their various classes. While the work may have reduced or changed, it is still considered important to complete. If a student is struggling with their work, or is wondering about post-secondary applications, or has other concerns, all the same supports are in place at school as have always been. Further, I would caution students from taking the easiest path - be this doing minimal effort, or dropping a 'hard' class because they figure they can graduate regardless, or generally not challenging themselves. The additional work and credits will be worth it, now and in the future. I would strongly recommend against dropping courses at this time, so close to the end of the year.

Many grade twelves are wondering about grad ceremonies. We really don't have much information to give at this time. I think, however, it is safe to say that graduation will be different this year, as will things like scholarships or other celebratory activities. Whether this means a delay, a virtual event, or some other format, is yet to be determined. As information changes, we will update you.

If you have specific questions about marks or progress, please connect with the teacher in question or school administration. If you have other questions, you are always welcome to reach out to me at angus.wilson@mpsd.ca. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angus Wilson", written in a cursive style.

Angus Wilson
Superintendent of Schools