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Learning Alternatives Families,

Graduation Ceremony Update:

Our school community is thrilled to celebrate 80 graduates crossing the stage this Thursday, June 10 and Friday, June 11 at our Woodlands site. Each graduate has been given their walk up time for their individual ceremony in front of the four guests they have invited. Children under the age of 12 years old do not count as a guest. Graduation regalia is now available for pick up at the school site where the graduate attends. Students do not need to hand in the regalia right after the ceremony so they can have more time to get photos with family and friends. Students are welcome to keep the cap and tassel as a keepsake but asked to return the gowns and stoles to their school site by Friday, June 25. With graduation taking place on Thursday and Friday, there will be very limited numbers of staff in the classrooms on these days, so our students have the opportunity to work from home for two days.

For graduation we are asking that all families park in the marked area on Strathmore Street to help the ceremonies move safely. Masks will be required by all in attendance, but the graduating students will be able to remove their mask as they cross the stage. Staff will be greeting each family and walking them into the building. There will be lots of time to cheer and take photos of this huge accomplishment. We ask that the families do not gather outside of the Woodlands site once their child's ceremony is over. Our amazing staff will be helping make a video of the ceremony that will include valedictorian speeches, messages from dignitaries and all our graduates crossing the stage. This will be available by July 1, 2021. If there are any questions please reach out to your child's cohort teacher or me.

The last day of classes for this school year is on Friday, June 25. There has been some huge successes during this challenging year and we want the good momentum to continue. We are working on a plan to provide summer outreach learning opportunities for students in July and August. More information will be coming out as soon as we finalize the details. These learning opportunities will be taking place at our Woodlands site.

Proud Principal,

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