



ATIKOKAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Graduates and Families,

Atikokan High School graduates are invited, by appointment, to the main entrance of the school on **Thursday, June 25th, 2020** to a celebration of their success and to receive their 2020 graduation gifts and keepsakes.

The following items will be included:

- keepsake graduation cap, gown, 2020 tassel, AHS COVID-19 mask
- bursaries, awards, scholarships
- decorative graduation sign
- certificate*
- graduation program

**The global pandemic resulted in the shutdown of businesses across Ontario; as a result, regretfully, diplomas and certificates will not be available until later in the year. Once received, they will be mailed out to the address we have on file at the school.*

Protocol for our celebration

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and to ensure the safety of everyone participating in the graduation celebration we will be following recommendations from the Northwestern Health Unit.

All graduates will need to schedule a fifteen minute appointment on June 25 to come to the school to receive their recognition and awards. We ask each family to contact Mrs. Dawn Masson, dawn.masson@rrdsb.com, to make an appointment.

In accordance with the Emergency Orders, we are permitted to have a total of 10 people at the celebration. **Families may bring a maximum of 6 family members to the celebration.** To decrease the likelihood of people gathering, we ask that you *arrive no earlier than 5 minutes prior* to your appointment. This is very important to ensure we are following the Emergency Orders.

We will be following all physical distancing practices. We ask that families and graduate park in designated spaces in the parking lot and remain in their vehicles until you are signaled that it is safe to approach the



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front of the school and receive your graduation package. Hand sanitizer and antiseptic wipes will be available. As students and families are not able to access the school, all activities will take place outside of the building, by the front entrance of the school.

The June 25th celebration will be an opportunity for students to not only pick up graduation items that highlight their achievements, but they will also have the chance to take photos with graduation sign, cap and gown, at the school. There will be an area outside the school that will be decorated for photos. Markings for physical distancing will be placed on the ground, should the graduate wish to have staff in the photo.

On the day of the celebration, if you are experiencing any symptoms, we ask that you notify AHS administration to make alternative arrangements.

We acknowledge that walking across the stage at graduation is a milestone that we want our students to experience. Therefore, in addition to the June 25th celebration, we are planning a traditional graduation ceremony when it is safe to do so. We will share graduation plans with students, families, and the community, once health regulations allow for large group gatherings.

Thank you for your support and understanding during these unprecedented times. We are proud of our 2020 graduates!

Sincerely,

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