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Dear Grade 12 Students, Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that Bowmanville HS is planning a change in the date for graduation exercises, starting this year. Based on feedback from our students, graduates, families and staff, we will be changing the date for our commencement from fall to the end of June. Given the importance of this milestone in students' lives, we wanted to give everyone as much notice as possible.

Our graduation ceremonies will be held **Thursday, June 29, at 3 p.m.** We chose a June date because many past graduates said they were unable to attend in November due to moving away for jobs, college, university or other reasons. In fact, attendance at past years' commencements averaged around only 70% of graduates. We are hoping the move to June will get us much closer to 100% participation. An afternoon time is needed so that our graduation does not conflict with Clarke HS's commencement that evening, which was already confirmed.

To accommodate the new date, we will need to change the final exam schedule for Grade 12s this June. This will allow students to complete their exams; teachers to determine final marks; the school to identify graduates winning awards; and students to obtain written support, where needed, from the school for bursary applications.

The final exam schedule will be:

June 20 and 21 – regular school days, with Grade 12s only writing period 4 and period 3 exams in the afternoon;

June 22 – all grades writing period 1 exam in the afternoon;

June 23 – all grades writing period 2 exam in the morning.

Grade 12 students, therefore, will be finished their exams the morning of June 23. Students in Grades 9-11 will finish writing their exams June 26-27. Graduation will proceed June 29 at 3 p.m.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments, at [james\\_patenall@kprdsb.ca](mailto:james_patenall@kprdsb.ca)

Sincerely,



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