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Dear Viking Community:

We hope that everyone in our community continues to do well during these unique times, as all families continue to face many challenges. As many of you are already aware, all schools in Ontario will remain closed until May 31st, 2020, and possibly longer, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to keep everyone safe. Rainbow District School Board Director Norm Blaseg announced last week that the Ontario Ministry of Education has altered the school year calendar to allow for all remaining Professional Activity Days and examination days to become instructional time in order to maximize teacher-led distance learning.

Further to today's letter from Director Blaseg (posted on Rainbow District School Board's website), we continue to do our best to answer any challenges related to the implementation of the provincial and local distance learning framework. Lockerby Composite School continues to implement creative means, with all of its staff members, to make at-home learning a positive experience. As always, an overarching goal in supporting our Viking students has been to provide opportunities for them to demonstrate overall expectations in their Semester 2 classes and to achieve credits, while creating a supportive learning environment and building a sense of belonging for each of our students. At this time, please know that the following information is being shared across all Rainbow District School Board area schools:

- The Ministry of Education and Rainbow District School Board have indicated that the final marks for all students (elementary and secondary) will be based on work completed prior to school closures on March 13th, 2020. Marks can be improved with work completed and graded from April 6th, 2020 to the end of the school year with teacher-led distance learning. **It is critical that students have a solid foundation of the key learning expectations in order to prepare for the next year of learning. The goal is to continue with assessment and provide opportunities to develop necessary skills that will build foundational knowledge.**
- Since examination days have become instructional time, and in order to maximize teacher-led distance learning, there will be no final examinations in courses for this semester. All final examinations will be replaced with culminating activities. **It is critical that students remain engaged in their learning throughout the rest of the semester, as they will be required to complete these culminating activities in order to demonstrate an understanding of overall expectations.**

With that said, Rainbow District School Board's Distance Learning Plan continues to be a fluid document. Know that we will be sharing any and all new information and next steps (with respect to the above and otherwise) with the Viking community as soon as it becomes available. In the interim, attendance for classes will still be taken every day, and it is important for students to communicate proactively with their teacher(s) if they require additional support. Likewise, it is both the Ministry of Education and Rainbow District School Board's expectations that students continue to complete assigned work (with integrity and academic honesty) and do their best to meet timelines, commitments, and due dates.

Of course, our goal is always to continue to help support every learner as best we can and as always, the health and safety of students and staff is our first and foremost priority. Thank you for your patience as we continue this new journey together.

Sincerely,
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