

media advisory

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Letter regarding graduation exercises at Lord Beaverbrook High School distributed to students today

A letter was distributed to Grade 12 students at Lord Beaverbrook High School today regarding the school's practice for its spring graduation exercises.

Please find the letter attached.

There is no further comment to the news media.

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**Calgary Board
of Education**



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Re: Lord Beaverbrook High School – Participation in the Graduation Ceremony

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, we have been examining our school practice regarding participation in graduation ceremonies. This process has generated a large amount of attention, interest and concern inside and beyond our school community. I have heard that loud and clear. I know that participation in graduation ceremonies is treasured by students and their families. As a school, we also look forward to celebrating this very special event with our community.

After speaking to students, parents and staff and based on the input I have received, a decision has been made to revise the previously announced practice and allow students to participate in graduation ceremonies this spring if they meet the Alberta Education guidelines for graduation and are students in good standing according to the school's code of conduct. This change is effective immediately. As always, individual cases will also be considered on their merits.

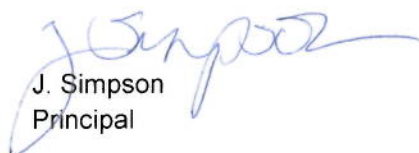
This decision reflects the Calgary Board of Education values of being inclusive, focusing on student success and doing what is in the best interest of each and every student. It should also address the greatest concerns raised by some parents and students.

As principal, I have engaged with our community on this matter. Thank you to everyone who has been part of these discussions so far. I look forward to continuing these robust conversations related to our common interest of striving to increase our students' success through enhanced student engagement, and high quality of teaching and learning opportunities.

As always, we will continue as a community to work together to set realistic and achievable goals for student achievement that makes us all proud of our school and of ourselves. This will continue to be a priority for us.

Thank you for your attention. If you would like to speak with me regarding this, please feel free to contact me at 403 259-5585 (2408).

Yours sincerely,



J. Simpson
Principal