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Dear Students:

Congratulations on your great work in transitioning to “at home” learning! It has been a big change not only for you - but also for your teachers (and maybe your parents as well). Your ability to adapt to such a dramatic shift in the educational context says a lot about your flexibility as a learner. Well done! As an educational leader, I want to commend you for all that you have done so far!

Remember - while in-school classes are cancelled, your education continues.

As per Education Minister Adriana La Grange’s letter to parents marked March 20, 2020, for students in grades 7-9, subject content will focus on Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Your subject teachers are conducting on-line classes that will cover key areas of your current grade and subject matter. Not only will your efforts provide opportunity to complete your classes, it will also prepare you for the “next grade level” in the coming year. Your teachers will continue to assess your work and provide a suitable final grade that will reflect the ongoing learning you have shown.

I cannot overstate the importance of your attending classes and engaging with your teachers and fellow students in these “on-line” sessions. These are meant to better prepare you for success in your next grade placement when classes resume. Without regular engagement, participation in class and completion of assignments between March and June, 2020 you may negatively impact your success in the next grade level.

Your engagement in your classwork is the key determining factor of your being prepared and successful in the next grade level. It is your responsibility, with the support and guidance of your parents and teachers, to meet current course outcomes.

I encourage you to engage with your teachers and put forth your best effort to learn within your “at home” circumstance. Working with your teachers, you can achieve the essential outcomes that will allow you to continue your learning, complete your current classes and prepare you for the classes that will follow next year.

In Northern Gateway Public Schools we believe that all learners are supported and successful. Please do your part in fulfilling this - reach out to your teacher! If you haven’t done so yet simply call your school or send an email to connect with your teachers. They are excited to hear from you and will help you move forward on the path to success!

Stay well,

Kevin Andrea
Superintendent of Schools

