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Dear Grads and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As you are aware, there have been further changes to the regulations regarding graduation ceremonies in Alberta. For information regarding these changes, please refer to page 15 of the *Guidance For Schools (K-12) and School Buses -*<u>Scenario 1</u> containing a section entitled *Ceremonies and Celebratory Events* that provides guidance for graduation ceremonies that take place in the school. As a result, we have shifted our plan yet again by adding an additional element to our existing graduation plans (noted in bold).

Here is the updated grad information:

Graduation Convocation

- June 8 during school hours in the ABJ large gym
- In class cohorts (2-4 at a time), brief ceremonies will occur where students will be formally announced, walk a stage, move their tassel, and have a professional photo taken
- The event will be livestreamed and recorded for families to view in real time or at a later date on <u>youtube.com/abjtvhighschool</u> as no outside visitors can be in attendance
- Students are encouraged to dress in their formal wear and to bring their grad gown, cap and tassel, and grad insert (please contact Mrs. Hallonquist if you have not picked up your package)
- \circ $\,$ Please stay tuned for further details, specifically the schedule of classes for the day
- Students not in classes this quarter and students at SILC will also have their own timeslot
- > Outdoor Graduation Photo Space bookings at ABJ (based on government restrictions)
 - o June 22, 23, 24
 - No photographer provided
 - \circ $\;$ Booking information and details to be shared in the next week
 - Here are some photos that you may want to use as backgrounds for your own pictures (for those of you with some Photoshop expertise): <u>Grad 2021 Backdrop Photos</u>
- Graduation Ceremonies
 - There will be a **Livestreamed Grad Mass on Friday, June 25** at **11:00 am** through OLPH Parish at <u>https://www.olph.ca/</u> or on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark/</u>
 - Virtual Grad Video that will premiere on Friday, June 25 at 1:00pm on youtube.com/abjtvhighschool.
 - Please see here for information regarding grad video submissions and ceremony details: <u>ABJ Virtual</u> <u>Grad Ceremonies and Video Submissions</u>

We thank you again for your patience and flexibility as we have continued to develop plans for Grad 2021. We look forward to celebrating our grads with the many events planned for the month of June.

Sincerely,

ABJ Grad Advisors- Marge Hallonquist, Janelle Millious, Ruth Tymko, Shelly Tyrkalo

