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To our 2020 and 2021 Graduating Classes

Last year, as COVID restrictions closed schools, we were unable to truly celebrate our graduating class of 2020. It has always been our intention to celebrate the accomplishments of our two graduating classes in a combined ceremony this year, as we are all one school, one family, and believe that all students deserve and share this recognition. We were, of course, hoping that our reality would be less restrictive. Unfortunately, even a year later, we are facing the ongoing and now anticipated further restrictions regarding public gatherings. This impacts our planning for Grad 2020 and Grad 2021.

In order to ensure the safety of students, staff and families, and following AHS recommendations, the Superintendent of Wolf Creek Public Schools has provided all schools with a list of guidelines for any future graduation ceremony planning this spring, 2021. These include:

- * No formal banquets or dances
- * Any ceremonies that proceed must adhere to the gathering restrictions in place, will need to take place in our own schools, on our school property or as a virtual event.
- * All activities will follow the Government of Alberta, AHS and WCPS health and safety guidelines that are in place at that time.

It is disappointing that we are unable to provide a more formal gathering, but we will do our very best to honor our students. Therefore, tentative plans for our combined graduation are attached to this letter. Please note that these plans may change depending on the Covid climate in Alberta. Any changes to the plans will be communicated directly to our graduates via email and on our website under the "GRAD UPDATE" section.

Please note: In order to assist with our planning, each graduate **MUST** send a response to this letter, by **March 15** via email or phone call to Kim at the school, indicating whether you plan on attending the May 29th West Country Outreach Graduation Ceremony.

Looking so forward to celebrating with you,

Ms. A. Holliday, Principal