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Dear Graduating Class of 2021 and Families,

Typically, at this time of year, plans are being made for Commencement exercises at our school to recognize the achievement of our graduates. However, due to the pandemic, this year things will look different. We are confident that we can celebrate in a way that fits within provincial public health guidelines and keeps us all safe.

Our Commencement ceremony will be pre-recorded and broadcast on Monday, June 28, 2021 on our UCDSB YouTube Channel. A sharable link will be provided at a later date. The ceremony will include speeches by the Class of 2021's selected Valedictorian, our Trustee, our Superintendent, and me. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

In addition to our Commencement ceremony, we have ordered caps, a customized picture frame and beautiful graduation lawn signs to celebrate this milestone. These should make for some fantastic photos! Graduation signs will be delivered in June. A staff member will be in touch to set up an exact date and time.

A Graduation video will be created using students' images/videos of the Class of 2021 and will be shared with students and families using school/UCDSB social media platforms. As part of our planning for this, we are asking our graduating students to identify four or five staff members who have played an important role in their high school journey. Please provide this information through the survey below. We will be providing the information gathered with a third party for the purpose of creating the video and then will securely dispose of the information when the project is completed.

Additionally, we are seeking parents'/guardians' permission to display the lawn sign by completing the following survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/TaJxVrqKuF>.

Graduates will receive their diplomas, report cards, transcripts, and any awards that they may win, by mail, beginning July 5, 2021.

We are very proud of you, CPHS Class of 2021! You have overcome many obstacles to get to this moment, and you have shown tremendous resiliency in the face of this extraordinary situation. We are so looking forward to celebrating with you!

Sincerely,

Shelley Riddell  
Principal  
Carleton Place High School