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CANCELLATION OF GRADE 8 GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

In the Community Information Bulletin issued April 7, 2020, you were notified that the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) has cancelled all graduation related activities/events. We appreciate your understanding of this decision in view of the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty surrounding its extended duration and impact.

Our Grade 8 graduation ceremony will be postponed until a later date when this can take place safely and in a respectful way for all students and families.

At St. Joseph Elementary School, the cancelled events include: Grade 8 Graduation Community Mass at St. Joseph Parish on Wednesday, June 17th and Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony and Luncheon at the Portuguese Centre on June 19, 2020.

We know that our students and parents/guardians will be very disappointed to hear this news and we share in your disappointment. We know that graduation is a special moment in the life of a student and their family. We also are keenly aware that these extraordinary times have prompted unprecedented but necessary changes in every aspect of our lives.

Please be assured that parents/guardians will be refunded for any graduation costs that were paid through School Cash Online. If you paid through cash or cheque, a reimbursement will be issued once we have established an approved access protocol for staff to enter schools to process reimbursements.

The health and well-being of our students, families and staff is our greatest concern, and we hope you are all safe. Please keep following the advice of our Public Health professionals as you care for yourselves and your families.

As always, we pray for all our members of our school community and are comforted by Holy Scripture knowing that we will overcome our current circumstances; *"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:12-13)*

Sincerely,

A. Cavaliere

Principal

