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Dear Grade 12 Parents,

It has come to our attention that there has been miscommunication regarding the parent organized banquet and dance for the graduating class of 2024. I would like to provide clarity to how our graduation day works.

The SCHS graduation ceremony and the parent organized banquet and dance are two separate events, but they occur on the same day. Each component is vital to celebrating the accomplishments of our students. SCHS celebrates the academic achievement of receiving a high school diploma or a certificate of completion. The school chooses the day for graduation and works to find a day that has the least amount of impact on our student's academics and allows us time to ensure that all students who are at the graduation ceremony have achieved their diploma or certificate. The school plans and organizes this event, and is in direct communication with the graduation parent committee who hold the banquet and dance for our students. We ensure that when we book our date, the vendor knows our graduation parent committee will also be booking the banquet and dance. We ensure that the venue is available for both events on the same day.

The banquet and dance is organized by the grad parent committee. The students and parents have chosen to have alcohol served at this event. As a result, the school, and any school division employee, are not able to participate in the planning and organization of the banquet and dance. The reason for this is that division staff are not able to be present in a location where under age drinking may occur. It puts Sturgeon Public School Division at legal risk, so therefore the school and its staff are unable to play a role in planning and participation in this event.

SCHS understands the importance of celebrating our students, and actively shares communication from the grad parent committee with the entire graduation class. We help facilitate the distribution of all necessary information regarding the banquet and dance and fundraising to ensure all families are fully informed of this event and the fundraising events for the students. We at no time have suggested or tried to have this portion of the day canceled. We will continue to foster and maintain our positive relationship with the grad parent committee to ensure their event is successful, creating a full day of celebration for our graduating class.

Together, we can make this day, as we always have, a positive and memorable day for our grade 12 students. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at the school.

Darwin Krips, Principal