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**RE: ONLINE LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT SURVEY
PLEASE COMPLETE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022**

Dear Grade 10 students and parents/guardians:

Two online learning credits are now required to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Ministry of Education, however, recognizes that in-person learning is the best delivery model for the majority of students and has provided an "opt out" provision to this requirement.

ALL students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-2021 school year are required to complete this survey by March 4th, 2022 to opt in OR opt out of the online learning graduation requirement.

The survey link is: <https://forms.gle/jQyb9aef8WCSTGrP8>

Students who opt in will take an e-Learning course in the summer of 2022 **or** during the 2022-2023 school year. Students will receive a survey after the March Break to select a course from options.

Students who opt out are required to complete and sign an Opt Out Form. There is a link to the form in the survey. The form must be printed and returned to the school. If you do not have access to a printer, you can obtain a copy of the form in the main office.

For students who entered Grade 9 in 2020-2021, one secondary school credit completed during the period of remote learning from April to June 2021 has been deemed as "earned" towards the new graduation requirement. One more online learning credit is required unless you opt out.

Online learning is different from the remote learning provided during the pandemic.

Online learning is most often referred to as e-Learning. e-Learning courses are asynchronous, which means students must be self-directed as they work through course content online. Teachers of e-Learning courses provide support, answer questions, and assess work. They do not teach lessons. Technology is required to access e-Learning through the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Given that e-Learning students work independently, they require good time management skills and the discipline to complete course content on their own. Daily participation is essential to success.

If you have questions, please contact the school for assistance or visit rainbowschools.ca. Staff will be happy to help you decide whether you or your child may benefit from online learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Bourget".

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education