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Members of the Community, and especially Families of Graduating Students

During this unprecedented time of the Covid-19 Pandemic, School District 92 (Nisga'a) Board of Education, Senior Staff, and the Staff and Administration of Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School wish to convey the following announcement regarding the Commencement 2020 Ceremony:

'In order to honour our graduates in a way that maintains safety and health for all, we will host a version of our regular commencement ceremony. The process adheres to safety protocols and so will only include the graduates and their two support persons attending in the school and gymnasium, as they participate in the walk-up to receive their certificate.

We ask that families support their graduates and follow all safety guidelines. While we understand our normal practice is an open invitation to our Nation to witness and support our students, there will be no audience in the gymnasium this year. To facilitate viewing the ceremony, it will be live-streamed via the Nisga'a Elementary & Secondary Facebook Page. Details will be published closer to the date.

Our Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 20, 2020** and is not an open invitation this year. 'Individual student appointments will be assigned and out of respect to all, graduates will be expected to strictly adhere to them'.

We thank you for the respect and support, as we do our best to honour our graduates and their efforts to earn their Dogwood Diploma in these unprecedented times.

Thank you again for your cooperation. We are most appreciative of the efforts of our staff to make this modified Commencement Ceremony come to life in recognition of our students' journey through school.

Joe Rhodes,
Superintendent of Schools

Elsie Davis,
Board Chair