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Dear parents, guardians and families,

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, Alberta Education announced that students will be able to decide whether or not to write diploma exams for November 2020. This will help alleviate some of the challenges facing students as a result of COVID-19, while still allowing students to write the exams if they choose to do so.

Students may want to discuss this decision with their families and teachers to decide what makes the most sense for their individual situation. To help students decide, we have attached a [question and answer sheet from Alberta Education](#) with more detailed information about the optional November 2020 diploma exams.

Although a student can choose not to write the diploma exam right up until it is administered, a form will be available on SchoolZone, starting Oct. 21, asking families to indicate their choice to opt in or out of writing the diploma exam. This will provide schools with an estimate of how many students are writing, allowing them to organize writing space while adhering to COVID-19 protocols.

If you have any questions, please talk to your school principal.

Regards,



Darrel Robertson
Superintendent of Schools