



## YOUR LEARNING MATTERS

Dear Students of LA Matheson Secondary,

We hope this letter finds everyone in good health. Our society and our lives have had to change drastically to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If all of your teachers have not contacted you by April 17, please contact the school [lamatheson@surreyschools.ca](mailto:lamatheson@surreyschools.ca).

The purpose of this letter is to communicate and emphasize that your *learning matters from now to June*. Attendance and school rules (i.e. Digital Citizenship) are in place. The LA Matheson staff are missing you and teaching in their classrooms. In the past two weeks, we had to create a new learning system to be delivered to you in your homes. We thank you for your ongoing patience as we develop new tools and lessons that can be accessed in a home setting.

Please understand that “*Eligible*” students will graduate and pass their courses **IF** students complete the assignments, to a satisfactory level, that are assigned over the next few months. As we said back in September grade assemblies, “**You** must take ownership of your learning.”


As in any given school year, **you** are on track or eligible to graduate, provided **you** **have** completed *sufficient learning* in your coursework. Your learning includes what you have learned since the course started. Along with the learning **you** will complete from now until the end of the school year.

To be “*eligible to graduate*” means **you** will satisfy all graduation requirements upon successful completion of courses you currently have underway and are continuing through to June 2020. “Eligible to graduate” **does not mean that you will graduate no matter what**.

*Sufficient learning* will be determined by your teachers using their professional judgement. **You** are expected to continue your learning for each course you are enrolled in and to complete assignments set out by your teachers to finish your courses.

Your teachers, counsellors, support staff, and administration will work with you to develop plans and set reasonable expectations, given the current circumstances and your individual needs.

Finish the school year strong and stay healthy!

Sincerely,  
  
Peter Johnston  
Principal

Please find below resource links to support you during this period of online learning.

- [Secondary Digital & Online Resources](#)