



Letter to Graduating Class of 2020
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Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia we'd like to join your families, educators, friends and communities in congratulating you on your graduation. While every graduation is memorable, the Class of 2020 is truly unforgettable.

We recognize this isn't the way you had envisioned marking this important occasion, but if ever there was a class that deserves a celebration it's yours. You are the only class to graduate during a pandemic like this in over 100 years.

Throughout your 13 years at school you have worked hard, often overcoming obstacles and challenges and celebrating many successes along the way. Your generation has found new ways to inspire the world by using your voices to unite against climate change, injustice and hate, while taking steps together on the journey to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. And now, you are finding new and innovative ways to make positive change in the world, all while showing tremendous resilience, determination and patience.

Shaped by the experiences you're going through now, you will likely take on this new chapter of your lives differently than those who came before you. And it's going to make you – and everyone in our great province of B.C. - stronger for it.

While you may not get to walk across a stage and accept your diploma, we hope you, your families and your school communities found a way to hold safe celebrations. We hope you were able to dress up, share photos and memories with the people you care about.

We wish you much success and happiness in your next chapter. Follow your dreams and passions and continue to find ways to share your talents to help make our communities stronger. Be bold, courageous and kind.

As you mark this important milestone, know that you have all of British Columbia and the world cheering you on. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia

Rob Fleming
Minister of Education