Hello Graduating Class of 2020!

I am sure that this year arrived much faster than you had ever imagined it would!

I am thrilled to be your new principal and to be able to share all of the excitement of your graduation year. I am hoping we can work together to make this year as exciting, productive, and memorable as possible for each and every one of you.

This year, you are all now assuming a new role at Seycove. Do you remember your first day as a grade 08, when everyone seemed so much bigger and older? You are now the leaders in the school; you need to follow in the footsteps of other graduating classes that have helped to create Seycove’s outstanding reputation as a school of excellence, of caring, and of compassion. It is now your turn to make a difference, it is now is time to “pay it forward” through your actions and the choices you make. As the leaders in the school, you are expected to take on the mantel of responsibility and lead by example. You are role models for the students in other grades; students who will look up to you and emulate your actions.

To that end, I have a question and a challenge for each and every one of you.

- First, I want you to ask yourselves how you want to be remembered as a member of our Seycove community. What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind as you walk out of the school doors for the last time next June (which will be here sooner than you think)?
- Second, the challenge: How can you make sure that this year helps bring out the absolute best in you, and really and truly prepares you for life beyond these walls.

Some final thoughts:

1. Continue to build new and positive relationships with staff and students, and maintain and foster the current relationships you have, they will provide a lifetime of memories for you.

2. Find a balance between all of the various activities in your life. While your main focus for the upcoming year is to immerse yourself in your course work in preparation for whatever post-secondary plans you may have, make sure you get involved. School is about far more than academics, and involvement in your community is becoming increasingly important to universities, and employers, as they look at your applications.

3. Celebrate your successes ... Grad Council will be planning many events that will provide an opportunity for you to have fun and enjoy your final year at Seycove with your classmates. Work together and support each other. Everyone has a much greater chance for success when travelling down this challenging road with a community of peers to help along the way.

I look forward to seeing how each of you will contribute positively to the Seycove community, and how you will continue to develop and grow as a person throughout the year. We are always here to do what we can do to help … You only get one chance, let’s make the most of your year!

I am proud and honoured to be the Principal of Seycove and to be associated with the grad class of 2020.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rob McLeod, Principal