This year the Ministry introduced <u>PPM 167</u> to provide direction to Ontario schools on the implementation of the online learning graduation requirement and opt-out process. Beginning with the cohort of students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year, all students must earn a minimum of two online learning credits as part of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma unless they have been opted out or exempted. This information has now been updated on the DDSB Website links listed below.

We ask that all secondary schools update this information on their individual School Websites as well and include the link to the opt-out form for families.

Graduation: <u>https://www.ddsb.ca/en/programs-and-</u> <u>learning/graduation.aspx?\_mid\_=236#Secondary-School-Diploma-OSSD</u> Online Learning Graduation Requirement: <u>https://www.ddsb.ca/en/programs-and-</u> <u>learning/online-learning-graduation-requirement.aspx</u>

Families wishing to opt-out will need to submit the form to the school for processing and storage in the student's OSR. Information regarding the entry of this information into PowerSchool will be communicated to schools from IT Services once the new feature has been implemented in June.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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