Dear Grade 8 HWDSB Students,

From all of us at HWDSB, congratulations on completing your elementary schooling. We are so proud to recognize your accomplishments as you move from elementary school to secondary school. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

As you continue to work on advancing yourself and your future career, we want to take this time to point out the importance of being a community leader. Many of you are already involved in your community, whether it is through volunteerism or participating in events. This is a significant part of becoming a young adult who is an active community participant.

We understand that students get to this stage thanks to the support from others. Families, friends, and extended family members all played a role in your success, and we thank them for their contributions. We would also like to thank our wonderful staff who have been there all along the way.

While there have been many memorable moments during your schooling, there are plenty of exciting opportunities that await you as you enter secondary school. We hope you find classes, clubs, and athletics that allow you to pursue your passions. We encourage you to think about where you want to go with your future. Secondary school is a time to continue to work on your existing goals, as well as create and strive for new goals for yourself.

We look forward to hearing about your achievements as you continue moving forward.

Thank you,

Dawn Danko HWDSB Chair of the Board

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