



Rutland Senior Secondary School

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To: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 10

Re: **RAISING THE BAR: THE THREE-YEAR RULE (POLICY480)**

This letter is being sent to all parents/guardians of students entering Grade 10 to ensure they are informed regarding the Three-year Rule Policy.

The rationale for implementing the Three-year Rule Policy is two-fold: to improve graduation rates of students in School District No. 23; and to improve the educational climate of our schools.

All students enrolled in Grade 10 begin year one of their three-year time period in School District 23, and they will be notified of their anticipated graduation date.

Students who do not graduate within the Three-year Rule time period, will be eligible to enrol at Central School Programs and Services in order to complete their graduation requirements.

Applications for exemption of the Three-year Rule completion date will be considered for students in any of the following categories:

- a. Serious Medical Conditions which significantly affected attendance/learning;*
- b. Participation in a Board-approved exchange program;*
- c. Enrolment in a BCIT, OC, or SSA Program;*
- d. Being a Special Education Student with significant learning needs - as identified and supported by the Director of Student Support Services; or*
- e. Extenuating Circumstance – which requires approval of the School-Based Team.*

A detailed appeal procedure also exists for students whose application for exemption is denied by our School-Based Team. Information about this procedure is available from our school.

Should you have further questions regarding the above, please contact one of our administrators.

Yours truly,

Curtis Schreiber
Principal