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Dear Grade 10 Parents and Students:

Further to the letter you received last June, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development knows that our students need to be ready for the world beyond high school. This means having strong skills in literacy, mathematics, and career readiness. We are committed to providing students with educational opportunities which will prepare them to acquire these skills and for the transition after high school. We are working with business and post-secondary through the Transition Task Force recommendations <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/education-actionplan> and with the Business Education Council to further strengthen our efforts.

I am writing to you today to explain the math requirements for students to graduate in 2020. These changes will impact students' course selections in high school. Beginning with the graduating class of June 2020, three high school math credits, one from each grade level, will be required for graduation. Students entering Grade 10 will be required to successfully complete a math course in Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12.

In Grade 11, a new course was introduced in the 2016–17 school year: Extended Mathematics 11. This course was designed to provide students with more time to consolidate their mathematical understanding and to study some new concepts including data analytics. This course counts as **one** academic mathematics credit for graduation requirements and **one** technology credit. Information on schools in your area which offer Extended Math 11 is available from your school guidance counselor.

All the best to you and your child for a safe and happy summer ahead.

Sincerely,



Sandra McKenzie  
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