

May 28, 2026

Subject: Graduation Celebration Update for the Class of 2027

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Members of the Graduating Class of 2027,

We are writing to share an important update regarding graduation celebrations for the Class of 2027.

At Niverville High School, we remain deeply committed to recognizing graduation as a meaningful and memorable milestone for students and their families. The school will continue to organize and host the formal graduation ceremony, also known as convocation. Convocation will remain the school-led centerpiece of graduation celebrations and will continue to be held in the Niverville High School gymnasium, where we can appropriately accommodate graduates and their invited guests.

This communication is being provided in accordance with Hanover School Division Graduation Policy JE, which states that the principal will communicate to parents of graduates, early in the school year, the level of school and division involvement in graduation activities.

Under Policy JE (Updated December 2, 2025), Hanover School Division and its schools are involved in the convocation ceremony and the location of that event. The policy also states that any other activities related to graduation, including financial and banking records for those activities and Safe Grad, are the responsibility of parents/caregivers and students.

This direction reflects several realities that have become increasingly important in recent years. As graduating classes continue to grow, large-scale events beyond convocation have become more complex to plan, organize, supervise, and finance. The rising cost of formal banquet-style events has also created challenges for schools and families. In addition, these events may not be accessible or meaningful for all students and families in the same way. For these reasons, the school's role will remain focused on convocation, which is the formal graduation ceremony intended to recognize and celebrate every graduate.

As a result, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, Niverville High School and Hanover School Division will continue to organize and host convocation, but will not be responsible for planning, organizing, supervising, or financially managing additional graduation events such as a formal graduation banquet or Safe Grad.

Safe Grad has traditionally been planned by the Grad Parent Committee. Moving forward, if families wish to hold a graduation banquet, that event would need to be planned and managed through the Grad Parent Committee, in keeping with Policy JE. Financial obligations related to any banquet would be the responsibility of the organizing parties. The Grad Parent Committee will continue to be formed and voted on by the parents/caregivers of the current grad class.

This does not prevent families from organizing additional graduation-related celebrations. It does mean that these events are separate from the school-led convocation ceremony and are not organized or financially managed by Niverville High School or Hanover School Division.

Our focus will remain on ensuring that convocation is a high-quality, inclusive, and celebratory experience that honours the accomplishments of every graduate.

We understand that this change may feel different from past practice. We appreciate your understanding as we follow division policy while continuing to support all students in reaching this important milestone.

If you have any questions or would like clarification, please feel free to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grosskopf", written in a cursive style.

Paul Grosskopf
Principal
Niverville High School