



Hants East Rural High School

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To whom it may concern,

Graduating from high school is a milestone that deserves recognition and celebration for the youth in our community. Every year, Hants East Rural High, has acknowledged this accomplishment for over a hundred graduates by hosting a “Safe Grad” and we are ecstatic to be able to offer this amazing event again this year. Safe Grad ensures a night of celebration in a safe and secure environment to mark a special time in the lives of these young adults.

On Friday, June 27th, out of the potential 200 grads at HERH, we anticipate hosting a full overnight to 130-150 of these grads. The majority of the events have taken place at the East Hants Sportplex and we also like offering some time at the pool at the East Hants Aquatic Centre. We anticipate having between 80 to possibly 100 grads choosing to go to the pool, others will be staying at the East Hants Sportsplex for other activities during that time. At the Sportsplex, from 9pm until 7am, we have various activities planned to keep them entertained and having fun as well as providing them snacks throughout the night. As for the East Hants Aquatic Centre, we plan on having the bus bring our grads to use the pool from 10pm-12am and we would have chaperones on the bus and in their own vehicles to arrive there before the bus. Grads would not be in the pool until 12am, we would want them on the bus and leaving at 12am.

We are hoping to make the cost of Safe Grad low with our goal of making Safe Grad no cost to our grads. As a staff, we want to offer a safe environment for our grads to celebrate such their huge accomplishment of graduating. Our students are the future and events such as Safe Grad are a way to provide them a safe way to celebrate that will also not be costly to them. Our goal is to lower our costs enough to make it free for any and all grads. We do not want money to be the reason a grad chooses to not participate. At HERH, our Safe Grad has always been known as the best night of their High School experience, and we have had high percentages of students sign up and participate. We hope to continue this on June 27th-June 28th with a full fun night for as many grads as we can have!

I hope East Hants Municipality Council can see the value of this event and how passionate we are as a staff to make this event the best it can be and help us by providing a grant to help pay for the usage of the East Hants Sportsplex for the night as well as for the fee of the 2hr usage of the East Hants Aquatic Centre.

Thank you,

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