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Dear Grade 12 FSL Students, Parents & Guardians,

RE: Cancellation of DELF 2021

The DELF (diplôme d'études langue française) is an optional exam that our Grade 12 students in all three of our French as a Second Language (FSL) programs may choose to pursue in order to certify their language proficiency at either the A1, A2, B1 or B2 level of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference). Students who are successful at their chosen DELF level are awarded a diploma by FEI (France éducation internationale) that is internationally recognized and valid for life. Since 2014, KPR has been pleased to be able to offer our students the opportunity to challenge the DELF by organizing, administering and scoring the exams.

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The testing windows for the DELF sessions are chosen by FEI and communicated to the centre DELF de l'Ontario, who in turn shares these dates and times with school boards. Last spring, KPR made all the arrangements to have our registered students participate in the April and/or May sessions, which unfortunately could not run due to the pandemic. While we remained hopeful to be able to offer our students the opportunity to challenge the DELF this spring, the current Health & Safety protocols that all students and teachers are required to follow make this not possible.

The following information was considered in our decision regarding DELF 2021:

- Due to restrictions outlined by Health Units, we cannot meet the exam requirements while maintaining safety protocols dictated by the pandemic.
- Students and teachers in Clarington region schools continue to learn and teach from home. The DELF exams require students and trained teachers to be present in real time.
- An online version of the collective DELF exam (listening comprehension, reading comprehension, writing) will not be provided by FEI.

We regret that we are unable to offer this opportunity to students this year and appreciate your understanding during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Gloria Tompkins
Superintendent of Student Achievement