



April 27, 2020

Dual Credit and SWAC Program Students.

I am writing to clarify any misinformation with respect to assessment and evaluation during this semester, as a result of school closures in response to COVID-19.

The Ministry of Education has made it clear that students currently in secondary courses taught by secondary teachers at the time of the school closure in response to COVID-19 have the opportunity to improve their marks, but that marks will not go down from what they were on March 13th. It is critical that students engage in the work to strengthen their knowledge and understanding of all concepts in their courses to ensure they can be successful in their next year of school.

While the Ministry of Education oversees public secondary schools, you need to know that this assessment plan does **NOT** apply to dual credit courses taught by college professors. Assessment and evaluation within the college program is determined by the instructor and the policies and procedures of the college. **To be clear, marks in dual credit college courses can go up or down based on the students' engagement and performance throughout the term.**

We know that your dual credit teachers will be as flexible as possible to support students that are disadvantaged by the break from regular classes and the move to online learning. Good communication between students and college staff is very important. I urge you to connect with your instructor to ensure you are aware of the evaluation process, where you stand and that you can take advantage of every opportunity to do your best in your courses. The full disclosure date for dual credit courses in May 8th, 2020.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M Mancini".

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