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Subject: **New Ontario Secondary School Diploma Graduation Requirements**

Background

The Ministry of Education has recently announced its plan outlining new Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) graduation requirements. These updated requirements are designed to ensure students graduate with financial competence as well as expanded life skills through financial literacy.

Beginning in 2025, students will be required to complete a new financial literacy graduation requirement as part of the compulsory Grade 10 mathematics course. This includes creating and managing a household budget, saving for a home or asset, and how to protect themselves from financial fraud. Students will be required to score 70 per cent or higher to meet the financial literacy graduation requirement.

Additionally, the Ministry of Education has reduced the number of compulsory courses from 18 to 17. The purpose is increased flexibility in course selection, allowing students to focus on a selection of STEM-related courses. This flexibility will assist students, as beginning in September 2024, all students entering Grade 9 are required to earn a Grade 9 or Grade 10 Technological Education credit. Credit groups 1, 2 and 3 were dropped, and replaced by a mandatory Tech credit before the end of grade 10 and a mandatory STEM credit (business, computer studies, co-op, additional math, additional science, additional tech). The required number of credits for graduation remains the same at 30 credits.

Recommendation

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *New Ontario Secondary School Diploma Graduation Requirements*, for information.