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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Subject: Communicating Student Learning – Grade 8 and 9

In 2016, the British Columbia Ministry of Education issued an Interim Reporting Order designed to support the new K-9 curriculum. The order outlines changes to the assessment process as well as changes to how schools communicate student learning. Last year, students in K-7 received a new elementary report card in accordance with the order. This year the changes to reporting will be implemented in Grades 8 and 9. The new secondary report card will enable teachers to elaborate on student learning in relation to the new curriculum. While the overall look and feel of the report card remains the same, there are a few changes that allow for more comprehensive communication with parents.

Grade 8 and 9 report cards:

What remains the same?

- Comments on the report cards remain the same. Comments will consist of what the student knows (content), can do (curricular competencies), and understands (transfer of big ideas and concepts).
- Three report cards will be issued throughout the school year, with the final report on student learning in June.
- Report cards will not be printed. As with last year, report cards will be published to the MyEd BC Parent Portal. Further information will be provided to parents from their home school regarding account creation on MyEd BC.

What is new?

- Letter grades will be used to indicate the student's level of performance in relation to the curricular standards.
- The report card will have a new format which provides additional space for curricular comments.
- No work habits. In lieu of work habits, in May, with the help of their teachers, students will reflect on their development of the core competencies (communication, thinking, and personal and social responsibility).
- There will be an assessment of Career Education each reporting period
- For more information about Communicating Student Learning in the North Vancouver School District please visit our website: <http://www.sd44.ca/District/Communicating/Pages/default.aspx>.

Grade 10 to 12 report cards:

Report cards for Grades 10 to 12 will remain the same this school year.

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We are excited about the new curriculum and about the ability to communicate student learning to parents in a more comprehensive manner. The goal of reporting student progress is to provide ongoing meaningful communication to parents regarding their child's learning. Parents are essential partners in meeting the learning needs of students. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s).

Yours sincerely,

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