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Dear Grade 10 Parents,

Our current Grade 10 students wrote their Graduation Literacy 10 Assessment in January and are now preparing to write the **Graduation Numeracy 10 Assessment on Thursday, April 16th, 2020.**

When in their grade 12 year, our current Grade 10 and 11 students will also complete the Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment.

The purpose of these assessments is to measure the extent to which students are literate and numerate and to provide students with information about their proficiency. Overall, the new provincial graduation assessments require students to apply their numeracy and literacy skills in realistic contexts. Rather than assess specific course curricula, the graduation assessments measure the application of numeracy and literacy skills to realistic situations, requiring students to employ the knowledge and skills considered to be essential for future success. The graduation assessments look at students' ability to apply their knowledge and skills and to analyze, reason, and communicate effectively as they examine, interpret, and solve problems. Graduation assessments also emphasize the importance of the context in which students should be able to use their skills (e.g., home, employment, society) (BC Ministry of Education).

Provincially, the following policies are associated with the new Graduation Assessments:

- These **Assessments are required for graduation.**
- Assessments are cross-curricular and stand-alone (not tied to a specific course).
- Students are expected to take the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment in their Grade 10 year.
- Students are expected to take the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment in their Grade 10 year.
- Students are expected to take the Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment in their Grade 12 year.
- Students must complete all 3 assessments (Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12) for graduation.
Students have up to three opportunities to write the assessments: an initial write (required) and up to two rewrites (optional).
- Assessments are scored on a 4-point proficiency scale.
- The student's best outcome for each of the Provincial Graduation Assessments will be recorded on their final transcript (BC Ministry of Education).
- More information (practice exams, calculator policy, videos, parent brochure) is available under quick links on the Seycove website
<https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/Students/provincialexaminformation/Pages/default.aspx#/=>
or the ministry site,
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/provincial-exams>

Preparing for the Graduation Numeracy 10 Assessment on Thursday, April 16th, 2020:

On Thursday, April 16th, 2020, Grade 10s are excused from their scheduled classes and asked only to attend school for their assessment at their assigned time. The cafeteria will be available for any Grade 10 students who need to remain for the rest of the day. Students have been assigned to report for an 8:30

time or a 12:30 time. Details will be posted on a whiteboard outside the main office. Students are asked to report at least 10 minutes prior to their start time to ensure a prompt start. As the assessment is online, the extra time will allow students time to settle into their seat and sign into a computer for a prompt start. Please note that this extra time is not available if a student is late.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jdesai@sd44.ca.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Desai', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jagruti Desai
Vice-Principal, Seycove Secondary School