

June 23, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Subject: Confirmation of changes to year-end procedures

I would like to provide you with some important information regarding further changes to our year-end procedures that have been prompted by the ongoing labour dispute. At this time, bargaining between the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation appears to be at an impasse and it is unlikely that a resolution will be achieved this week. As a result, several significant changes to our year-end procedures are necessary.

In accordance with the [Labour Relations Board ruling of June 20th](#), we will be preparing final reports for all students in Grades 10, 11 and 12. Marks for all courses are required, but the reports are not expected to include teachers' comments. This information will be mailed home to parents upon verification during the week of June 30 to July 4. Report cards for students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 are not included in the Essential Services Order and the strike activity has limited the availability of this information. We will be sending a separate message to all parents of K – 9 students regarding progress reports later this week.

It is unlikely that Summer School and the North Vancouver Distributed Learning's Summer Session will be able to proceed without an end to the labour dispute or an agreement by the BCTF to suspend strike activity over the summer. We apologize for the continued uncertainty but don't wish to cancel the programs any sooner than is absolutely necessary.

We will keep you informed of any further changes. Please check the North Vancouver School District website for information updates, www.sd44.ca.

Sincerely,



John Lewis
Superintendent of Schools

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