



Bert Bowes Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

By now you have likely heard about changes to the curriculum in BC schools. The redesigned curriculum for Grades K-9 is being implemented during this school year. As part of this implementation, the Ministry of Education allows schools to pilot different approaches for reporting student progress.

In an effort to communicate more effectively with parents and guardians regarding what students have learned, we are piloting gradeless reporting in most elective courses and Career Education. Instead of one traditional letter grade that is issued for the whole course, teachers will assess and report on student progress in the main curricular competencies and content. We believe that this will give the parents and guardians a greater understanding of their child's progress in a variety of areas within a course. *You have the option to request a grade for you child should you choose to do so.*

Curricular competencies and content will be reported on using the following scale:

Beginning	Student demonstrates some recall of facts but is significantly lacking in understanding.
Developing	Student demonstrates an understanding of portions but is missing the big picture. Student may be unable to apply what has been learned to new situations.
Accomplished	Student demonstrates a big picture understanding and can apply it to new and different situations but lacks subtle details or explanations.
Exemplary	Student demonstrates superior understanding, includes subtle details, shows relationships between concepts, and applies understanding to more complex situations.

Please see the back of this letter to view a copy of the new reporting template that will be used for those courses reporting without a letter grade.

You are invited to an information session regarding the topic, which will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Bert Bowes library.

Sincerely,

Wade Hart, Principal
Jen Harrison, Vice Principal