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Dear Parents/Guardians

In the fall of 2016 the province of British Columbia adopted a redesigned curriculum in Kindergarten to Grade 9. This redesign focuses on what we want students to know, do and understand in order to be successful in a rapidly changing world. With this change in curriculum we have shifted how we communicate student learning to parents and guardians. Families with students in **Kindergarten to Grade 8** will notice a change in how we communicate learning. Report cards will now:

- communicate how students achieve in more detail
- focus their reports on what students are able to do as a result of their learning
- communicate student learning in greater depth

In addition to these updates, students in **Grades 4 and 5 will no longer be receiving letter grades**. In place of letter grades teachers will communicate achievement using the following language:

- Not Yet Meeting Expectations
- Minimally Meeting Expectations
- Fully Meeting Expectations
- Exceeding Expectations

Grade 6, 7, and 8 students will still receive letter grades on the final (term3) report card.

All students will continue to receive a rich and meaningful education program that meets the requirements of the B.C. Curriculum.

For more information on our new report cards we encourage you to visit our reporting web page at:

Curriculum.abbysschools.ca/reporting

We will also be hosting two parent information sessions:

October 5, 2017 @ Eugene Reimer Middle School (6:00pm – 7:00pm)

October 19, 2017 @ Abby Senior Multi-Purpose Room (6:00pm – 7:00pm)

If you have any questions regarding our new reporting processes we hope you will join us!

Sincerely



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