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Attention: Parents of Middle School Students

Re: New Assessment Language from the Ministry of Education

Dear Parents,

The Abbotsford School District is working with the Ministry of Education to use a new language for assessment and grading in our schools. For many years teachers have been communicating student learning using the terms: Not yet meeting, Minimally Meeting, Fully Meeting and Exceeding Expectations. As the province’s curriculum has been updated so has the language that we will be using to communicate learning.

Your child’s teachers will be using the following new language to communicate student learning:

Proficiency Scale	→			
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

This language, which aligns with our province’s redesigned curriculum, will be used in teacher grade books, interim reports and term and final report cards. The shift to this language is intended to communicate the depth of understanding students have achieved in a particular area of study.

For more information on the redesigned curriculum and assessment and reporting please visit the Ministry of Education Curriculum Website at: curriculum.gov.bc.ca

Sincerely,

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