

KATZIE ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents,

As you know, we are in the midst of a new curriculum in grades K-9, along with changes to the provincial Reporting Order. Over the past few years, our District has been reviewing, examining and exploring ways to improve student reporting and assessment.

In establishing reporting guidelines the Surrey School District is committed to moving beyond reporting as a summative *event* toward honouring learning as an *on-going* process. We also continue to be committed to providing on-going responsive forms of reporting that are inclusive of all stakeholders' voices: teachers, students and parents. B.C.'s redesigned curriculum plays a foundational role in this shift. All areas of learning in the curriculum have been redesigned using a "Know-Do-Understand" model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. The learning standards – what all students are expected to know and be able to do – are the points of reference for determining our assessment practices and communication of student learning.

This year, all classes will be communicating student learning using either our District CSL (communicating student learning) format or Freshgrade (online approach to communicating student learning). In both cases, teachers, students and parents will all be a part of the learning and reporting process. As always, your child's teacher is the best person to talk to about your child's specific learning strengths, needs and ways to support progress. Parents are always welcome to book an appointment throughout the year to discuss their child's learning.

Thanks you for your continued and ongoing support.

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Sol Lee
Principal
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