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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Each year, students in Grades 4 and 7 write a provincial assessment called the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). The FSA assesses reading, writing and numeracy. This year students are writing the FSA between September 30 and November 8, 2019.

We know that reading, writing and numeracy skills have a strong connection with school completion and future life success. The FSA provides important information early in your child's school years and is intended to complement other information from your classroom teacher.

The FSA results can show where your child excels against provincial standards and where they might need assistance. Paying attention to individual student results allows parents and educators to make early interventions that can enhance success later in a child's schooling.

A student report is available for each student following administration of the FSA and is sent home to parents through each school. The report describes your child's overall results in reading, writing and numeracy. Teachers and parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss student results together.

The FSA results also provide important information for schools, districts, and the Province on how well British Columbia students are doing in reading, writing, and numeracy and forms an essential aspect of quality assurance to parents and the public regarding BC's education system.

Students in Grades 4 and 7 are required by BC's *School Act* to write the FSA. For detailed information on the FSA, please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment>

Thank you for your help in ensuring your child writes these important provincial assessments.

Sincerely,

D. Scott MacDonald
Deputy Minister