



SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Students in School District 64,

Re: Report Cards

Our school year is ending in a way that is difficult for everyone in our school community. The conflict between government and the BC Teachers' Federation has resulted in standard year end progress reporting not being possible, and this letter is to help inform parents as to how their child's progress has been reported.

Due to the labour conflict, reporting formats this year will differ from school to school and from grade to grade. **June reporting for all students will not include anecdotal comments.**

Grade 12: The Labour Relations Board indicated that Grade 12 marks are essential. Second semester reports for Grade 12 students indicate a final mark as well as marks for both term 3 and 4. School based final exams were not written in the second semester. Provincial exam marks will be generated by the Ministry of Education.

Grades 10 and 11: The Labour Relations Board Order (LRB) provided for the delivery of final marks for Grade 10 and 11 students. Second semester reports for Grade 10 and 11 students will indicate a final course mark. A term 4 mark was not mandated to be an Essential Service by the LRB. School based exams were not written in the second semester. Provincial exam marks will be generated by the Ministry of Education.

Grade 9: Due to the labour dispute no marks are available for students enrolled in Grade 9. We are awaiting direction from the Ministry of Education regarding how to proceed where no final grades currently exist.

Kindergarten – Grade 8: Prior to the BCTF's full scale Strike, SD64 came to an agreement with the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association that teachers would prepare a simplified check list report card indicating student proficiency levels. These reports were submitted by the majority of SD64 teachers prior to the full scale BCTF Strike. If a report was not submitted for your child, you will receive a summary of your child's attendance and should assume that your child will be assigned to the next grade for the 2014-15 school year.

Report Card Pick-up:

Report cards have been prepared and are ready to be issued on Thursday, June 26. However, we believe our schools will still be behind picket lines for the remainder of this week. It is possible that our schools will not be behind picket lines next week, and if that is the case, families will be able to pick up reports at most school sites on June 30, July 2 and July 3. Should schools remain behind picket lines the first week of July, we will arrange to mail reports to home mailing addresses that we have on file.

Student Possessions in Schools: If a child has left something of importance in the school, parents should contact the Principal about retrieving that item.

Items to be returned to SD64 Schools: If a child has text books, library books, or other items that belong to the school, parents should contact the Principal about how to return items.

The District continues to be hopeful that this labour dispute will soon be resolved. Updated information will be posted on the district's website - <http://sd64.bc.ca/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Halstead', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Halstead
Superintendent of Schools