

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

◆ Squamish ◆ Whistler ◆ Pemberton

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Dear Sea to Sky Parents,

We are excited to be participating in a pilot project on Communicating Student Learning. The current K-9 curriculum is designed to engage learners' interests and passions, meet their personalized goals and needs, and support them to develop the core competencies needed for today's world. The pilot project will involve teachers and students between grades 4-9 in many of our schools. If you are interested, you can visit principles of quality assessment found at: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment-info>.


Our goal is to communicate student learning in a timely, ongoing, responsive way to keep parents informed and involved in their child's learning. Rather than letter grades assigned to evaluate student progress three times a year, teachers will be using a variety of methods to provide authentic evidence of individual student learning and what areas require additional support.

Communication with parents may be: student led and three way conferences, parent- teacher meetings, websites, photo sharing, digital portfolios, presentations of learning, and student exhibitions. Information regarding progress within the curricular standards and curricular competencies will be provided in relation to the subject areas. Student development with respect to peer interaction, self-regulation, and growth within the core competencies will also be provided.

This method of communicating student learning is supported by research which indicates that it raises student achievement. Rather than focusing on numerical data and grades, it focuses on student learning. A year end document will be written in June including student self-assessments of the SD48 Core Competencies, and comments on each subject area. The pilot project has been approved by our School Board and initiated by the Ministry of Education, and is consistent with reporting guidelines across the province.

The twenty-five teachers involved in this pilot will be asking parents to engage in the process and provide feedback so they are able to use this information to inform future reporting using surveys, conversations and anecdotal evidence. We are excited to learn through this process and share the journey with the families of the Sea to Sky.

On behalf of the CSL Pilot Team,


Peter Jory
Director of Instruction