



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

The Ministry of Education has recently redesigned the Grades K-9 curriculum and assessment to fit with the needs of today's world. This curriculum is being implemented in the 2016-2017 school year. To allow for improved flexibility in sharing your child's learning we have developed a new student progress reporting process.

In School District 46, teachers will select from two choices: *Reporting Option A* will be a portfolio reporting strategy and *Reporting Option B* will maintain the present system of informal reports and term report cards. This means that in each of our schools, it is likely that both options will be present: some classes will use *A* and some will use *B*.

Reporting Option A	Reporting Option B
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Continuous ongoing evidence and communication of student progress and learning.</i>• <i>Parent teacher conference two times a year paired with a summary report based on student progress.</i>• <i>Ongoing descriptive evaluation paired with a performance scale. Letter grades (Grades 4 to 9) provided upon parental request for the summative year-end report.</i>• <i>Allows the use of online technology (e.g. FreshGrade) to facilitate ongoing communication.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Report cards issued to parents three (elementary) to four (secondary) times a year.</i>• <i>Parent teacher conference two times a year based on the students' term report cards.</i>• <i>Descriptive evaluation paired with a performance scale (grades K-3), and letter grades (grades 4-9) for the term and the summative year-end reports.</i>

Regardless of the option that is chosen by the classroom teacher, you will receive clear indicators of your child's progress throughout the year. All of our staff value your engagement and welcome ongoing communication with you. If you have any questions about your child's progress please speak to your child's teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

Patrick Bocking
Superintendent of Schools