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Dear families:

Every year the province of BC assesses all students in grades 4 and 7 for literacy and numeracy skills. The assessments are based on the provincial curriculum and are developed by classroom teachers from across the province. The main purpose of the assessment is to help the Ministry of Education, school districts, and schools track how well students are learning core academic skills.

The FSA provides a snapshot of how well students have learned these important basic skills at a particular point in time. The information is best used together with teacher assessments and other school information which is then used in planning for improvement.

Just as regular classroom assessments are not optional, the FSA is not optional. The only exception would be students who have a learning disability that significantly impacts their performance and who cannot participate in the assessment even with adaptations. Because the FSA is aligned with the BC Curriculum, it should not be notably different than work students are expected to do in class. There is a collaborative portion and a self-reflection portion. Results of the assessment are shared with students and their families when the FSA booklet is sent home.

The FSA is an important piece of evidence of learning. Should you have any further questions about the assessment, please contact your child's principal or me.

Respectfully,

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