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معلومات مهمة. الرجاء ترجمتها. Información importante. Por favor, que esto se traduzca.
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معلومات مهم. لطفا از شخصی بخواهید تا این متن را برای شما ترجمه کند. 重要信息, 请找人代为翻译。
ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਵਾਉ। 중요한 정보입니다. 이것을 번역하시기 바랍니다.

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Dear Grades 4 and 7 Families:

Each year students in Grades 4 and 7 are required by the Ministry of Education and Child Care to write a set of three provincial tests called the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all BC students' academic skills in Grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry with important information about how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Literacy and Numeracy.

Purpose

The FSA provides a "snapshot" of how well BC students are doing. Results help answer important questions, such as:

- Are all students learning vital skills they will need in school and in life?
- Is student achievement improving over time?
- Are there any trends in student performance at the school, district or provincial levels?
- What might be needed to support decision making (interventions, planning, resource allocation, curriculum, policy, research)?

Value for Parents

The FSA is designed to complement classroom learning, not replace it. Together with classroom assessments and report card information, it gives parents valuable insight into their child's progress in reading, writing, and numeracy.

Value for Educators

Teachers value authentic and meaningful assessment tools that provide an accurate snapshot of student progress. The FSA, which includes interactive exercises designed by teachers, is one such tool. The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) strongly supports the implementation of the FSA in schools. The results of the FSA are shared with schools and teachers, offering insights into how groups of students performed on specific question types. This information helps the Ministry collaborate with school districts to provide targeted student support and enhance teaching and learning for the following school year.

Planning for Success

The FSA results highlight both areas where students excel and where they may face challenges. For instance, FSA reading scores are a strong predictor of a student's likelihood to graduate on

time. By focusing on individual results, parents and educators can identify the need for early interventions that will support long-term success in a child's education.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the FSA take excessive time away from other studies?

The test takes 4½ hours to write and is spread over a four-week period both for Grade 4s and for Grade 7s. This totals 9 hours of FSA testing over 8 years of schooling.

2. Do students have to practice for the FSA? Does this practice take away from classroom time?

Students cover the foundation skills of reading, writing and numeracy in their regular classroom activities. Teachers do not need to “teach to the test” for the FSA. However, familiarity with the FSA format may help students feel more comfortable with their FSA writing experience. Sample FSA questions are available at:

<https://bced.vretta.com/#/en/bced-landing/fsa/sample>

When Will the Test Take Place in Our School?

Students in Grades 4 and 7 at our school are scheduled to write the FSA tests between October 8th and November 8th.

For further information about FSAs, visit the following websites:

- Ministry of Education and Child Care: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>
- Burnaby School District: <https://burnabyschools.ca/foundation-skills-assessment-results/>

Sincerely,

Anthony Yam, Principal