



**ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

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Dear parents and guardians,

As you may know, teachers are currently engaged in bargaining and, due to a lack of movement at the provincial table, voted to take job action. However, we want to assure you that we are in our classrooms focusing on teaching, rather than on the growing number of administrative tasks that have been increasingly taking time away from teaching and learning.

Teachers are teaching, preparing lessons, planning and assessing, and evaluating our students. We are also taking attendance, helping students who need assistance before and after class, and dealing with emergencies. In addition, teachers are contacting parents to set up a meeting if there is any concern with a student and, likewise, parents can contact teachers to set up a meeting at a mutually agreeable time.

Specifically with regards to report cards, although teachers will not be producing formal reports, teachers will continue to record assessment and evaluation data. Teachers will continue to communicate student progress clearly to the students through formative feedback, marks on assignments, tests and indications about overall progress.

Teachers may choose one of the following ways to report to parents:

- Verbally when meeting informally, face-to-face;
- A phone call home especially if the student is struggling;
- Send home assignments or tests for parents to sign and return;
- Comments in the students agenda or homework book;
- A note home;
- A quick email message to parents;
- Through the school's online marks program, ie: Check My Mark, Check My Progress, etc. (for Secondary and Middle schools only)

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's teacher or contact the ADTA office 604-854-1946 for additional information.

Yours truly,

Jeff Dunton
President, Abbotsford District Teachers' Association