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Dear Families,

We wanted to share with you that Central Middle School will be involved in piloting a provincial initiative for the 2022-2023 school year. Along with eight other middle schools in SD61, we will see all classroom teachers use a proficiency scale, instead of letter grades, to assess and communicate student learning. This change can be seen across the province of BC, as schools work to align with the BC Ministry of Education’s communicating student learning framework and curriculum. We anticipate that by September 2023, all schools, K-9 in BC will be using the proficiency scale.

Why the Shift?

As you saw when your child was in primary, proficiency scales are based on communicating and describing each student’s growth and progression along a continuum of learning. All communication will continue to reflect strengths, areas for improvement and ways to deepen learning. Research is clear that a traditional letter grades signal the end of learning by suggesting that a particular subject is mastered or completed. A proficiency scale, as a continuum of learning, is not punitive and instead, fosters a growth mindset for students, empowering confidence that our abilities will continue to develop with hard work, effort, and determination.

Proficiency Scale

Emerging	Developing	Proficient
<p>The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.</p> <p><i>"I'm just getting started." "I learn best with help"</i></p>	<p>The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.</p> <p><i>"I get some of it." "I am beginning to do more and more on my own."</i></p>	<p>The student demonstrates a solid understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.</p> <p><i>"I get it." "I can do it on my own."</i></p>
<p>Extending</p>	<p>The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.</p> <p><i>"I get it and go beyond what it expected of me."</i></p>	





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Niveau de compétence	Émergente	En voie d'acquisition	Maîtrisée
	L'élève montre une compréhension initiale des compétences et des concepts associés à l'apprentissage attendu.	L'élève démontre une compréhension partielle des compétences et des concepts associés à l'apprentissage attendu.	L'élève démontre une compréhension totale des compétences et des concepts associés à l'apprentissage attendu.
	Approfondie	L'élève démontre une compréhension approfondie des compétences et des concepts associés à l'apprentissage attendu.	

We believe it is important for families to receive information about their child(ren)'s learning. The shift to the proficiency scale will:

- Promote student engagement with their own assessment through goal setting and student reflection
- Focus on learning as a continuous process on skill development
- Support a better understanding of learning with a focus on next steps
- Promote a growth-mindset or a belief that we can all get better
- Foster hope and a culture of learning

We invite you to attend the parent information session offered on **Wednesday, Oct 19th at 7:00pm - 8:00pm.**

It will be an information session held on Microsoft Teams.

[Here is the link](#)

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or click [HERE](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

Gillian Braun
Principal

Dave Shortreed
Vice Principal

