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Dear Superintendents:

I am pleased to share updates to the Grade 10-12 curriculum implementation schedule along with a summary of other important project-related information.

Implementation schedule for the graduation years' curriculum:

The Ministry of Education has adjusted the implementation schedule for the graduation years' curriculum in response to feedback received from education partners.

This adjustment provides more time for educators to review and provide feedback on the Grade 10-12 curriculum, and also provides districts and schools more time to fully understand and prepare for the changes. In addition, the revised timeline will enable further engagement with post-secondary institutions, parents and students.

The draft Grade 10-12 curriculum is available for use and feedback during the 2016/17 school year. As part of this process, the Ministry, in collaboration with teams of teachers, will review and incorporate the feedback to create the final curriculum.

The draft 10-12 curriculum will continue to be available for trial use through the 2017/18 school year with the official version available in July 2018 for the beginning of the 2018/19 school year.

Update on provincial graduation assessments:

In May 2016, the Ministry announced changes to the graduation program and provincial assessments. These changes align with the redesigned curriculum and provide greater flexibility in how students are assessed. Provincial assessments now focus on literacy and numeracy skills.

These new provincial assessments are aligned with solid research, recommendations from the Advisory Group on Provincial Assessment (AGPA), and recent assessment think tank meetings hosted by the Ministry of Education. The Ministry is working with teams of teachers to develop the new provincial assessments focused on numeracy and literacy.

Both the numeracy and literacy assessments are on track. The numeracy assessment will be trialed in the spring of 2017 in preparation for implementation during the 2017/18 school year.

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Finally, there are a few additional project updates and reminders that I would like to highlight for your awareness:

Trial of the new Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA):

Teachers, schools and students have had an opportunity to participate in the trial of the new FSA between October 26 and November 26, 2016. The trial is open to all schools in British Columbia that enroll Grade 4 and 7 students.

Information about the FSA trials and how to administer have been sent to FSA coordinators.

Detailed information regarding the design of the new FSA can be found on the curriculum website [here](#).

K-9 reporting guidelines:

Changes to the Student Reporting Policy came into effect July 1, 2016. The changes are designed to align with the redesigned curriculum, and to allow time for the Ministry to consult widely with educators and parents on the future of communicating student learning and reporting.

Reporting Student Progress Grades K-9: Guidelines for School Districts is available to answer questions about the new Student Reporting Policy. The document can be found on the curriculum website [here](#).

The Ministry trusts that the information in this letter is welcomed by the sector; however we also recognize that it may raise new questions for districts. To help address your questions, please find the attached questions and answers document.

In closing, I want to thank you for your thoughtful feedback and input. This work would not be possible without the ongoing collaboration from our sector's educators across the province. I look forward to continuing our work together, and providing regular project updates, as we continue with the transition of the new curriculum, assessment, reporting and graduation program.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Questions and Answers document

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