



Stelly's School



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Semester One / Term Two Report Cards

The purpose of this letter is to explain to parents and guardians of secondary students why you will not be getting final semester one report cards for your child or, in some cases, will receive incomplete reports.

As you know, the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) have been in collective bargaining for a new teacher contract since the spring of 2011. In July 2011 the BCTF applied to the Labour Relations Board (LRB) for permission to engage in a legal strike through the removal of non-essential duties. The LRB issued a "phase one job action" order at that time authorizing the removal of 29 teacher responsibilities including:

- communicating with administrators;
- preparing or distributing report cards; and
- providing any student assessment data to school administrators or the school office, except grade 12 marks required for graduation, post-secondary applications and scholarship purposes.

Further to direction from the Ministry of Education, we will only be preparing and distributing report cards for students in grade 12. We will also be sharing student progress information for students who have been taught by administrators. Thus, if your child was in a semester one course that was taught exclusively by a principal or vice-principal or if your child is in Grade 12 then you should receive your child's final grades for semester one courses shortly. Teachers are storing all other first semester report card information for communication to parents at the conclusion of teacher job action.

The BCTF has made it clear on their website that "parents can contact teachers to set up a meeting at a mutually agreeable time". Therefore, if you wish to receive an update with regard to your son or daughter's achievements in semester one and are not receiving final grades for some or all courses at this time, you are invited to contact the appropriate teacher(s) by either email or phone.
Teacher contact via email: [firstinitiallastname@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@sd63.bc.ca)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Peter Westhaver
Principal