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Dear Principals:

Today, Education Minister Mike Bernier announced the beginning of a new process to engage with families around the province on student reporting. Government wants to hear from parents about how they want to be informed about their child's progress at school.

The full news release from the Minister's announcement can be viewed at <https://news.gov.bc.ca/ministries/education>

Together with educators, government is developing a new reporting approach for students in kindergarten to Grade 9, to give parents a deeper understanding of their child's progress at school. With new curriculum being implemented in B.C. classrooms this school year, the way student progress is reported must change too.

Parents are being asked for their opinions on reporting student progress until February 28, 2017. This will help shape what information parents and guardians receive and how they receive it.

Learn more about the engagement at engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress.

Additionally, in the coming weeks and months, community meetings and focus groups will take place in many communities around the province, providing in-person opportunities for families and community members to share their thoughts on student reporting.

All feedback from this important public engagement process will be considered while a provincial student reporting approach is finalized. A summary report on what was heard from parents during the engagement will be produced and posted publicly online in June 2017.

Minister Bernier's letter to parents is attached, and we ask for your kind assistance in sending it out to all parents as quickly as possible.

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We also invite you, as community leaders, to encourage parents and your education partners to participate in all of the engagement initiatives. Thank you for your continued support as B.C.'s champions for education excellence. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kevena Bamford, Executive Director of Change Management and Engagement at Kevena.Bamford@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 250 360-7336.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Minister's Letter to Parents