

## news release

### 2014-15 assessment and reporting plans released

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**CALGARY** — After taking time this year to listen to and consider the thoughts and ideas shared by students, parents and staff, the Calgary Board of Education has developed plans for assessment and reporting for the 2014-15 school year.

In the spring of 2013, the Calgary Board of Education shared its plans to develop a common report card for students in kindergarten to Grade 9. Efforts to enhance assessment and reporting practices at all CBE schools, kindergarten to Grade 12, have been ongoing for several years. While there are no immediate plans to modify report cards for students in Grades 10 to 12, the CBE's vision for assessment includes and considers all grade levels.

The 2014-15 plans for K-9 assessment and reporting include the following:

- There will be two formal report cards sent home during the year.
  - The first will be sent home early December to end of January.
  - The second will be sent home in June.
- We will continue to provide three planned, student-specific conversations about learning and achievement with parents. Comments will be part of the reporting process.
- Outcomes/stems describe what students are expected to know and be able to do according to the Alberta Education Program of Studies. All K-9 schools will list the stems that are common to each course/subject area on report cards in 2014-15.
- All K-9 schools will use a common numerical indicator scale.

“Clear communication of student progress and achievement is critical to student success. This includes ongoing communication throughout the year in addition to report cards,” says Dennis Parsons, superintendent of learning services.

If parents have any questions about what is happening at their children's schools, they should contact the principal. If they have other comments to share, they are welcome to [submit them on the CBE website](#). “We look forward to continuing the assessment and reporting conversations with students, parents and staff in the coming school year,” says Parsons.