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Dear parents and guardians,

In the spring of 2018, Chinook School Division created a committee to review report cards and reporting with the main goals of improving efficiency and effectiveness. Based on consultations with various groups, including parents, the committee came up with the following recommendations to be implemented for 2018-19 school year:

- 1) **Grades K-9 report cards will be reduced to twice a year.**
  - Report cards will be emailed home in January and June.
  - For Grades 6-9, open Markbooks will be available to parents throughout the year to communicate learning.
- 2) **Grades 10-12 report cards will continue to be emailed home at the middle and end of every semester.**
  - Open Markbooks will be available to parents throughout the year to communicate learning (grades 10-12).
- 3) **Progress will also be communicated through conferences in November and March (K-12).**
  - Student-Led Conferences will be replaced with Parent-Teacher Conferences in November focused on sharing student progress.
  - The format of conferences in March for grade 9-11 will be Grad Plan Conferences. It will be up to individual schools to determine their March Conference Format for all other grades.
- 4) **Teacher comments on report cards will be streamlined and in parent-friendly language.**

The committee will review feedback on the new processes over the course of the year and make recommendations for moving forward.

As always, please connect with your child's teacher at any time if you have questions about their learning.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. McIntyre".

Kyle McIntyre, Director of Education