

Director of Education - June 21, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to provide you with an update regarding report cards, Letters of Promotion, and the sharing of mark information for elementary students.

Last week, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board advised parents that for Term 2 of the 2014-2015 school year, the school district will be issuing:

- Report cards to students in grades 8 on June 25, 2015; and
- A Letter of Promotion to students in JK to grade 7 on June 23, 2015.

I am pleased to advise you that, in addition, parents of students in JK to grade 7 will be mailed "Information about Term 2 Marks" by August 31, 2015. The mark information is not a report card, but it will be personalized with the student's marks by subject and strand, and will be based on the information submitted by the teacher.

Please note that the Letter of Promotion will be the official document for students in JK to grade 7 and will be filed in the Ontario Student Record.

These changes to report card practice are a result of the legal job action currently underway by teachers in Ontario. This week, we were reminded by parents and students that the report card including the marks, learning skills and teacher comments are valued. While we cannot generate report cards for all students in JK to grade 7, we heard very clearly that limited mark information was better than none. As a result, we made a commitment to share mark information with parents and students.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher prior to the end of the school year.

More detailed information and a series of questions and answers are posted on the District website at www.ocdsb.ca. You can send any questions to chat@ocdsb.ca or to Director@ocdsb.ca.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,
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