

# COPACS

The Confederation of Parents' Advisory Councils of Saanich

December 2, 2022

Dear Mr. Peterson and Superintendent Eberwein,

Thank you for the correspondence to parents and guardians with respect to the Grade 4 and Grade 7 Foundational Skills Assessment participation.

As discussed at our [October 20th COPACS meeting](#), parents are interested in fully understanding the context of these assessments in order to make decisions about their children's participation.

We would like to request that information about the Foundational Skills Assessment from various educational partners be sent together and that the content provide more information about the FSA. The information currently provided does not contain enough information for parents to make an informed choice.

Information that would be helpful:

- The purpose and use of the FSA
- How the test is administered, including the amount of class time needed to prepare and administer the test
- What students who are *not* participating in the tests would be doing while the preparations and tests are being administered
- The availability of supports for students with individualized education program adaptations.

As shared by Minister Whiteside at the November 18, 2022 BCCPAC Summit the FSA provides critical data to measure the equity of [Indigenous students](#) outcomes.

Thank you for bringing the important topic for discussion with parents and guardians of School District 63.

Kind regards,

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