

NOTICE OF MEETING

Secretary Treasurer's Office Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Public viewing via live broadcast

EDUCATION PLAN COMMITTEE

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Notice of Meeting

A Meeting of the **Education Plan Committee** will be held in room 180 of the VSB Education Centre (1580 West Broadway, Vancouver BC) **for participating trustees, staff, and stakeholder representatives** on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023,** at **5:00 pm.** The meeting will be live broadcast for the public.

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Other Staff: Aaron Davis Christopher Wong

Shannon Burton Krista Ediger

Suzie Polzin



EDUCATION PLAN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 5:00 pm Room 180, VSB Education Centre

MEETING AGENDA

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəÿəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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Please see reverse for the Purpose/Function and Power and Duties of this Committee.

1.	Items for Approval	Presenters
	1.1 None	
2.	Discussion Items	
	2.1 None	
3.	Information Items	
	3.1 Literacy Update	Shannon Burton, Director of Instruction - Educational Services Krista Ediger, District Principal – Learning and Instruction (8-12) Suzie Polzin, District Principal – Learning and Instruction (K-7)
	3.2 Student Reporting Update	Aaron Davis, Director of Instruction – Educational Services Christopher Wong, Director of Instruction – Educational Services

4. Information Item Requests

Committee members may request by email to the Chair of the Committee follow-up information on previously discussed items and/or suggest possible topics for future committee meetings agendas. All requests for future agenda items will be considered by the Chair and Vice Chair at their weekly Agenda Setting meeting.





Education Plan Committee

3.1 Purpose/Function:

3.1.1 To review student learning and well-being indicators, and where warranted provide recommendations to the Board.

3.2 Powers and Duties:

- 3.2.1 Strategic Planning and Reporting: Annually review the Strategic Planning Accountability Report acknowledging accomplishments and if deemed appropriate recommend revisions to the plan.
- 3.2.2 Annually review the Student Learning Accountability Report, identify and acknowledge accomplishments, identify opportunities for improving student learning and report observations to the Board.
- 3.2.3 Annually review the Student Well-being Accountability Report, identify and acknowledge accomplishments, identify opportunities for improving student learning and report observations to the Board.
- 3.2.4 Annually review the Indigenous Education Enhancement Agreement, identify and acknowledge accomplishments, identify opportunities for improving student learning and report observations to the Board.
- 3.2.5 Review and make recommendations to the Board regarding proposed Board Authority Authorized Courses.
- 3.2.6 Student Learning or Student Well-Being Matters Referred to the Committee by the Board:
 - 3.2.6.1 Review matters referred and make recommendations as requested.
- 3.2.7 Review and make recommendations regarding the implementation and cessation of District programs and approve changes in fees for those programs that charge fees.
- 3.2.8 Review and make recommendations to the Board in regard to:
 - 3.2.8.1 the District calendar and
 - 3.2.8.2 Local school calendar proposals.





Education Plan

October 4, 2023 ITEM 3.1

TO: Education Plan Committee

FROM: Shannon Burton, Director of Instruction – Educational Services

Krista Ediger, District Principal - Learning and Instruction (8-12) Suzie Polzin, District Principal - Learning and Instruction (K-7)

RE: Literacy Update

Reference to GOAL 1: The Vancouver School Board will improve student achievement,

physical and mental well-being, and belonging by ...

OBJECTIVE(S): Encouraging students to reach beyond previous boundaries in

knowledge and experience.

Improving school environments to ensure they are safe, caring, welcoming, and inclusive places for students and families.

Increasing literacy, numeracy, and deep, critical, and creative thinking.

Ensuring the alignment among school, district, and provincial

education plans.

Reporting student results about performance, well-being, and outcomes to the community and using the results to improve the quality and effectiveness of the education and supports provided to

students.

GOAL 2: The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by ...

OBJECTIVE(S): Eliminating gaps in achievement and outcomes for student.

GOAL 3: The Vancouver School Board will continue its Reconciliation journey

with First Nations, Metis and Inuit by...

OBJECTIVE(S): Increasing knowledge, awareness, appreciation of, and respect for

Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures and contributions

INTRODUCTION

This report provides an update on Literacy including the Responsive Literacy Framework and Literacy Day. This report is provided for information.

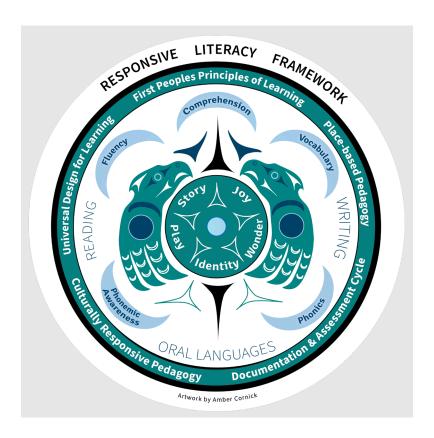
DISTRICT RESPONSIVE LITERACY FRAMEWORK

Responsive Literacy Framework aligns with the goals of the Vancouver School District Education Plan and promotes a comprehensive, inclusive and just approach to literacy education. It incorporates





various pedagogies that focus on cognitive, social, and cultural aspects of literacy instruction and fosters a well-rounded and thoughtful approach to teaching and learning. It has been developed over time with contributions and collaboration from members of the Indigenous Education Department, District Learning Services, Equity, Anti-Racism and Non-Discrimination team, and the Newcomer Welcome Center team. It is intended to serve as a pathway for helping achieve the goals of the Education Plan.



VSB RESPONSIVE LITERACY FRAMEWORK COMPONENTS

- **Emphasis on Core Values:** The framework places a strong emphasis on foundational principles of Story, Identity, Play, Joy, and Wonder. These values align with the key concepts in the British Columbia Language Arts Curriculum.
- Structured Literacy: The framework integrates the foundation of Structured Literacy, encompassing five fundamental skills – phonemic awareness, phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension. These skills are building blocks for effective communication, reading, and writing.
- Reciprocity of Reading and Writing: The framework recognizes the interconnectedness of reading and writing, acknowledging the reciprocal relationship between these two essential literacy skills.
- Pedagogical Approaches: The framework integrates various pedagogical approaches, including
 First People's Principles of Learning, Universal Design for Learning, Culturally Responsive
 Pedagogy, Place-based Pedagogy, and the Documentation and Assessment Cycle. These
 approaches empower educators to create literacy programs that are responsive, culturally
 relevant, and engaging.

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Wholistic Child Development: At its core, the framework strives to foster the wholistic
development of children, working collaboratively with families and the community to ensure a
well-rounded educational experience.

SYMBOLISM OF EAGLES

- One eagle represents the child and the family, and the other eagle represents teachers and
 the school community. Both are facing each other to symbolize working together. Eagles
 symbolize strength, wisdom and pride, embodying the qualities of each child, family,
 teacher and community member. We value children's background, family, and identity and
 appreciate the learning that happens before and beyond the classroom.
- Artwork was created by Amber Cornick, local Musqueam Artist.

LITERACY DAYS SEPTEMBER 2023

Introduction

The District's Literacy Days, held on September 26th, 27th and 28th from 8:30-11:30 am, marked a milestone in our commitment to enhancing literacy education. With active participation from educators, including administrators, classroom teachers, resource teachers, speech language pathologists, educational psychologists, literacy enhancement teachers, Indigenous education staff and District staff (Equity, Anti-Racism and Non-Discrimination, Learning Services, Indigenous Education, Newcomer Welcome Center, Childcare and Education Services) this showcased our collective dedication to literacy.

Participation Statistics

Over the course of the three days, the event saw participation from:

- 86 Classroom Teachers
- 95 Resource Teachers
- 83 Administrators
- 10 Indigenous Education Staff
- 19 Speech Language Pathologists
- 14 Literacy Enhancement Teachers
- 20 District Staff (Superintendent, Associate Superintendents, Directors, District Principals and Vice-Principals, District Resource Teachers, Mentors and Consultants)

Event Highlights

The days featured a comprehensive agenda designed to enrich our understanding of literacy education:

- 1. Literacy in the Education Plan: looking at how literacy fits in the Education Plan goals, ensuring alignment with the District's mission and vision.
- 2. The District's Responsive Literacy Framework: we shared this guide for educators and used it to frame reflection and planning.
- 3. P3P Boxes: attendees had the opportunity to explore and exchange ideas regarding the P3P Boxes, a resource for targeting phonological awareness, phonics and phonemic awareness.



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- 4. Team Time for Discussion: educators engaged in meaningful discussion about literacy experiences and practice.
- 5. Cross-School Conversations: the event included cross-school conversations about literacy, fostering collaboration.
- 6. Vision and Planning: teams were provided dedicated time to envision and plan their next steps in supporting literacy instruction at their sites.

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS, PHONEMIC AWARENESS AND PHONICS PROTOCOL

The Phonological Awareness, Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Protocol (P3P Protocol) is an assessment tool designed to guide and inform responsive instruction that honors where learners are at and where our teaching might guide them. This protocol is intended to support and target a small part of the Literacy Framework.

Phonological Awareness, Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Protocol is situated within a sociocultural view of literacy and language development which advocates that acquisition of skills is best taught, learned and assessed within interconnected and meaningful contexts.

Reading assessment encompasses many components from teacher observations to listening to a child read. In addition to assessing for reading comprehension and fluency which provides insights about a child's reading proficiency, assessment procedures also include determining foundational literacy skills such as phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, phonics and word knowledge. Becoming phonologically aware prepares students for effective reading and writing instruction. This includes letter knowledge, phonemic awareness, phonics, word knowledge and morphology.

CONCLUSION

By focusing on essential components such as story, identity, play, joy, and wonder, as well affirming the importance of structured literacy, reciprocal relationships between reading and writing, and culturally responsive teaching, the Responsive Literacy Framework aligns with the District's mission to not only increase literacy but to also create safe, caring, welcoming, and inclusive learning environments.

The report highlights the success of the Literacy Days held in September 2023. This event demonstrated our collective dedication to literacy education and to collaboration. The sharing of the Responsive Literacy Framework and discussions around best practices reinforced the District's commitment to continuous improvement, and to learning from one another to better serve the students in our care.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is provided for information.





October 4, 2023 ITEM 3.2

TO: Education Planning Committee

FROM: Aaron Davis, Director of Instruction – Educational Services

Christopher Wong, Director of Instruction - Educational Services

RE: Student Reporting Update

Reference to GOAL: The Vancouver School Board will improve student achievement,

Education Plan physical and mental well-being, and belonging by...

OBJECTIVE(S): Reporting student results about performance, well-being, and

outcomes to the community and using the results to improve the quality and effectiveness of the education and supports provided to

students.

INTRODUCTION

K-12 Student Reporting Policy

The new Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC) K-12 Student Reporting Policy (Learning Update Order, Ministerial Order 184/23) came into effect on July 1, 2023. As part of a prior pilot project, the Vancouver School Board has already integrated many aspects of the policy for the last several years. While there is minimal impact to VSB's current reporting format, below are changes families can expect to see:

Updates to elementary reporting:

- There will be three report cards per school year (two written learning updates and one year-end written summary of learning).
- VSB will be using the four-point provincial proficiency scale and language: Emerging (rather than Beginning), Developing, Proficient (rather than Applying) and Extending.
- Teachers will continue to provide two informal learning updates (conferences or portfolio reviews with the option of a conference) during the school year.
- The new policy specifies that student behaviour is not included in the proficiency scale reporting. Comments about engagement and work habits will form part of the descriptive feedback.
- Feedback continues to be strengths-based, highlighting where students are at, as well as next steps for learning.
- Students will self-reflect on the core competencies and will set goals at least three times a year. Teachers will indicate how this took place on their report cards.

Updates to secondary reporting:

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- In grade 8 and 9, the provincial four-point proficiency scale for report cards will continue to be used. Based on the new policy, VSB will adopt the provincial proficiency language: Emerging (rather than Beginning), Developing, Proficient (rather than Applying) and Extending.
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BACKGROUND

Elementary and Secondary Reporting in the Vancouver School District

VSB reporting guidelines follow the new MECC <u>Learning Update Order, Ministerial Order 184/23</u>. Although the new reporting policy and reporting order reinforces the VSB purpose of assessment, there are adjustments in elementary and secondary reporting that will be implemented in the 2023-24 school year. The new reporting policy provides districts with the opportunity to determine certain aspects of reporting structures to best support the aims of reporting and assessment.

The goal of communicating student learning continues to ensure that:

- Students take part in meaningful conversations that help them develop responsibly for engaging deeply with their learning.
- Parents and caregivers are well informed, are involved in decisions and dialogue about their child's learning and understanding ways to support and further their child's learning.

A summary of the VSB Secondary and Elementary Reporting Guidelines was shared with the Education Planning Committee on May 10, 2023.

PLAN MOVING FORWARD

Implementation Plan

The VSB elementary and secondary reporting guidelines have been reviewed by Senior Leadership and shared with elementary and secondary administrators, and teachers. Resources supporting the implementation have been created to support administrators' communication with teachers and parents/caregivers about the new VSB reporting guidelines and expectations. In addition, the Learning and Instruction team is creating resources for teachers to support the implementation of the new reporting policy. Examples include sample reporting such as strength-based comments across multiple subject areas and updates to reporting tools. District administrative procedures, websites, and communications are being updated to reflect the new MECC Reporting Order.





CONCLUSION

SUMMARY

New VSB Elementary and Secondary Reporting Guidelines

Elementary and secondary reporting working groups have completed a review of the new reporting policy and engaged in thorough discussions in a series of meetings since December 2022. The elementary and secondary reporting guidelines reflect stakeholder discussions and include input from the Senior Team. These guidelines provide for updated structures and processes for the 2023/24 school year and will support the district's purpose of assessment and reporting.

TIMELINES

Implementation Timeline

- October 2023: VSB district websites/communications will be updated to reflect the new reporting guidelines.
- October/November 2023: School administrators will be sharing more information about the new reporting guidelines with parents/guardians and caregivers.
- November 2023: VSB Administrative Procedure 360 and 361 will be updated to reflect the new reporting guidelines.

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Vancouver School District Education Plan Committee

October 4, 2023

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Introductions

Stakeholders: please state your first and last name and the name of the group you are representing

Trustees and staff: please state your first and last name and position

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ITEM 3.1 Literacy Update

Shannon Burton, Director of Instruction – Learning and Instruction Krista Ediger, District Principal – Learning and Instruction Secondary Suzie Polzin, District Principal – Learning and Instruction Elementary

Education Plan Connections

Goal 1:

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Education Plan Connections

Goal 2:

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• Eliminating gaps in achievement and outcomes among students.

Goal 3:

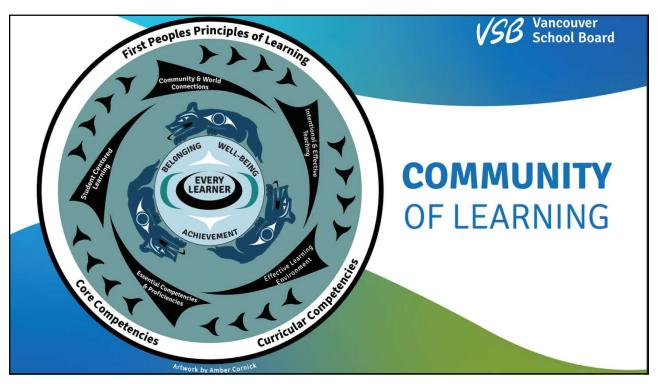
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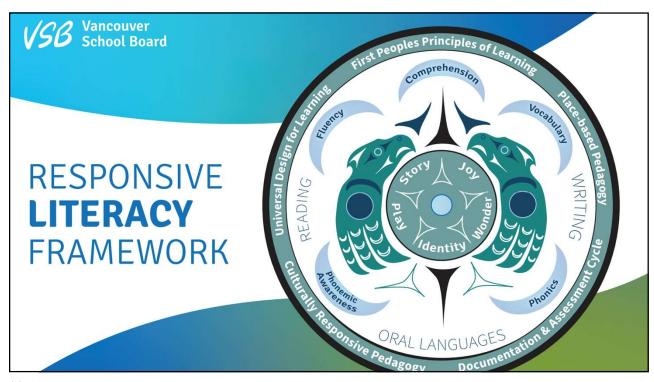
 Increasing knowledge, awareness, appreciation of, and respect for Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures, and contributions.

Education Plan Equity Statement

The VSB will create an equitable learning environment where every child can experience a deep sense of belonging and is free to pursue pathways of learning in ways that are authentic to themselves.

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Literacy Day Overview

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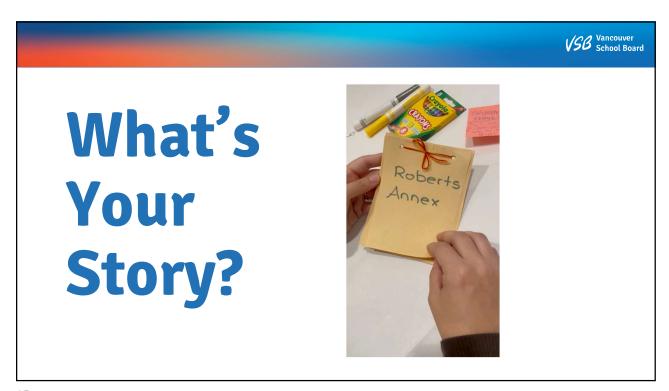
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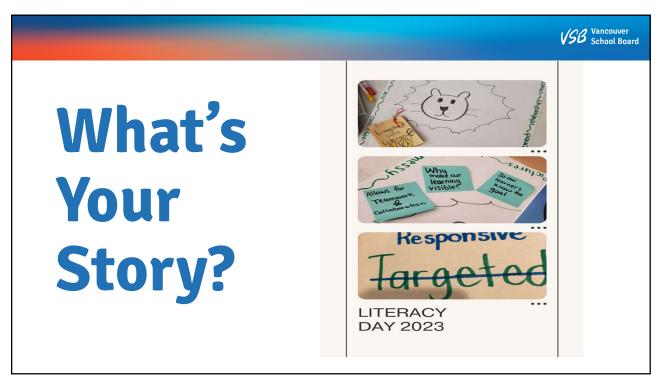
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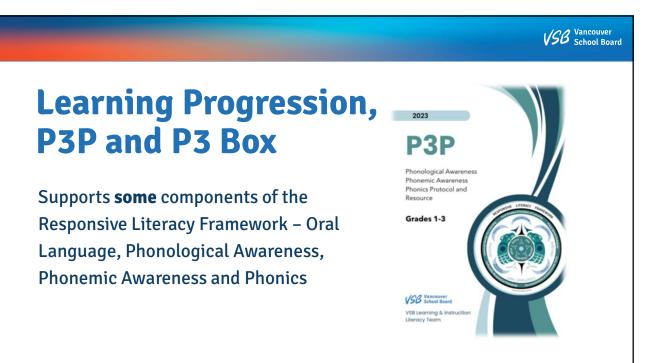
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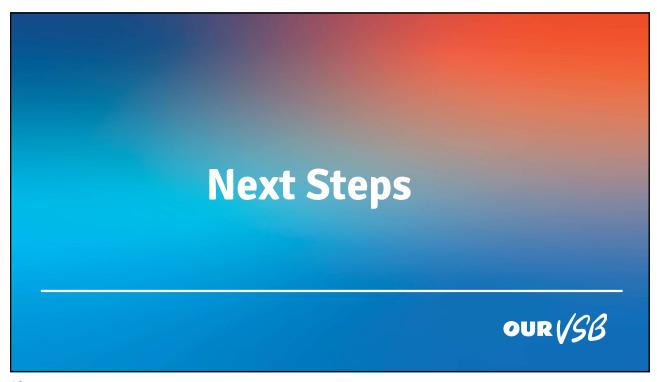












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QUESTIONS?

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Literacy Update

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ITEM 3.2 Student Reporting Update

Aaron Davis, Director of Instruction – Educational Services Christopher Wong, Director of Instruction – Educational Services

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Outline

- Ministry of Education and Child Care Learning Update Order
- Updates
 - District
 - Schools
- Supports for Educators

MECC Learning Update Order

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- As part of a prior pilot project, the Vancouver School Board has already integrated many aspects of the policy for the last several years.
- Ministry of Education and Child Care have released resources available for parents and caregivers: <u>Student Reporting Information for Parents and</u> <u>Caregivers.</u>

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District Preparations

- · Elementary and secondary working groups provided feedback on district guidelines
- · Updates to district reporting tool to reflect updated guidelines and language
- · Administrator reporting guidelines
- · Teacher reporting guidelines
- Updates to Administrative Procedures
- · Support for parents/caregivers:
 - District letter to families in June 2023
 - School administrator presentation to PAC in October/November 2023



Student Reporting **Elementary** Update

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Updates to Elementary Reporting

Reporting Language:

- Written Learning Updates and Summary of Learning (Report Cards).
- Continue to use a four-point proficiency scale, while adopting the Provincial Proficiency Scale language of Emerging (instead of Beginning), Developing, Proficient (instead of Applying) and Extending.

Reporting Structure:

- There will be three written updates (Written Learning Updates and a Summary of Learning).
- · Written Learning Updates:
 - December 1, 2023 (Learning Update);
 - March 12, 2024 (Learning Update);
 - June 24, 2024 (Summary of Learning).
- Informal learning updates (conferences or portfolios with the option of a conference): October/November 2023 and February 2023



Updates to Elementary Reporting

Behaviour, Language and Reporting:

- · Student behaviour is not to be included in the proficiency scale assessment.
- Descriptive feedback should be concise, clear, and understandable for parents and caregivers.
- Feedback will continue to be strengths-based, highlighting where students are at, as well as next steps for learning.

Core Competencies, Goal Setting and Self-Reflections:

- · Three times per year, with year-end reporting on the summary of learning required.
- Teachers will indicate on written learning updates and summary of learning how the goal setting and self-reflection of core competencies took place and where they can be found.

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Student Reporting **Secondary** Update

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Supports for Educators

Teachers:

- Reporting Guidelines for Teachers
- Curriculum and Assessment Mentor (CAM) Team
 - Curriculum and Assessment K-7 Teams Channel
 - Elementary Reporting Guideline videos
- Videos and reference guides for district reporting tool
- School administrator support

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QUESTIONS?

ITEM 3.2
Student Reporting Update



INFORMATION ITEM REQUEST

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME