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To: Superintendents of School Divisions  
Secretary-Treasurers of School Divisions  
Principals of Funded Independent Schools

Dear Colleagues:

As you are aware, Grade 12 Provincial Tests were suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with approaches in many other provinces and territories.

The Province of Manitoba subsequently signalled plans to shift the long-standing Grade 12 Provincial Tests in Mathematics and Language Arts to a curriculum-based Grade 10 summative assessment based on recommendations made in the *Report of the Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education (2020)*. When assessed in Grade 10, students will receive specific feedback that can be used to respond to their identified learning needs over the next two years. All senior years teachers will have opportunities to utilize this information to adjust their practice to respond to the individual student learning needs. We believe the introduction of this Grade 10 provincial evaluation will better prepare students for their individual paths beyond Grade 12.

The Grade 10 provincial evaluation will also provide an important benchmark for every student. In order to gauge the impact of the Grade 10, 11 and 12 interventions, the Grade 12 Provincial Tests in Mathematics and Language Arts will also be resumed by January 2024.

All school-based assessments and exams are continuing as per usual. Assessing the learning process is a daily and ongoing intersection with curriculum, teaching and student learning. Across Canada, provincial assessments focus on literacy and numeracy, and at the school level, assessments occur for each subject. Our focus on literacy and numeracy as the focus of our provincial assessment program is consistent with most other provinces.

For more information on classroom-based assessment and Manitoba's provincial assessment program please visit:  
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/index.html>

Please note that Grade 10 provincial evaluation information will be added to the website following a presentation to education stakeholders.

I hope this correspondence sheds some light on the recent changes to Manitoba's provincial assessment program.

Sincerely,



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