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RE: Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Dear Grade 7 Parents and Guardians:

Beginning Monday October 7th, Grade 7 students at Eagle River will begin to write the Foundation Skills Assessment. The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is a set of annual province-wide assessments in reading comprehension, writing and numeracy administered to grade 4 and 7 students.

It is expected by the Ministry of Education that students will participate in these assessments; however, there are a few narrowly defined areas where exceptions may be granted by the school principal. These exceptions include:

1. Students who have Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs) documenting disabilities that **significantly** impacts their performance (students with moderate to profound intellectual disabilities)
2. Family Emergency;
3. Lengthy Illness;
4. Extenuating Circumstances - an unexpected event that would impair a child's ability to write.

If you feel your child fits the exclusion criteria, please contact me to discuss this matter. If after this meeting your child is granted an exemption, the school will inform the teachers and the Superintendent.

We will take every measure to ensure that this is done without disrupting students or cause stress. Please call the school if you need more information about the FSA or the schedule here at ERS. Students who are in attendance at the school will be expected to take part unless they are exempt from the test. ***If you choose to have your child not participate, you will need to make arrangements to pick up your child from school.*** Please note that the FSA's are scheduled over a two week period.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Marino
Principal