



FAXGRAM #8

November 5, 2009

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P.A. DAY - (FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009) “ELEMENTARY REPORT CARD WRITING”

From the Desk of the Director, Michael Pautler:

1. Labour Management Meeting #1, September 28, 2009:

“R. Brock requested the Director’s consideration in allowing elementary teachers to work from home on the November 13th P.A. Day. He noted that the rationale for this request is that it would provide a more efficient use of time and would likely prove to be more effective for teachers to complete their assessments and enter the data (marks) online from home since the school systems will likely be overloaded on that day. He also added that a number of school boards currently permit this practice.

M. Pautler indicated that his understanding is that the infrastructure in place is equipped to support the data entry on November 13th. He commented that although he agrees that it would be in everyone’s interest to maximize the utility of the day, as a school board, we must also be mindful that the way in which we hold public confidence is delicate. Being seen and perceived as professionals who take our responsibilities seriously is in both the best interests of the school board, and the teaching profession. He indicated that he would review the request and follow up with the Unit President.”

Post Note: Subsequent to the Elementary Labour Management Meeting, it was determined by senior staff that, in light of the fact that this is the first year of implementation of a P.A. day designated entirely to mark entry, teachers be required to remain at their school site on the November 13th P.A. Day. This expectation is consistent with the practice in almost all Catholic School Boards in Ontario.

Computer Services staff are confident that the infrastructure in place is adequate to support the volume of data entry. In an email sent to principals on October 28th, J. Langill provided direction to principals that outlined expectations for all staff on November 13th.

R. Brock requested that at the next meeting staff provide an update on the status of the implementation of wireless infrastructure across all elementary schools.

From the Desk of Superintendent, John Langill:

1. Expectations For Staff (Letter dated October 27, 2009)

- All staff are expected to be at their school site during the hours of the regular instructional day at that school.
- Lunch hours and break period times and durations should also be maintained.
- Staff should report any emergencies or seek clarification on activities that day from the “Teacher in Charge.”

2. (E-Mail dated November 2, 2009)

- “JK/SK teachers are expected to remain at their own sites working independently on Curriculum Planning and Assessment for their students.”

From the Desk of Superintendent, Rick MacDonald:

1. (E-Mail dated November 2, 2009)

- “Curriculum Itinerants and Consultants will be at their office locations.”