

MEMO TO: Secondary Teachers
FROM: Labour Relations Officer
DATE: November 4, 2020
RE: Reporting First Quarter Final Marks



Dear ATU Member,

I understand that you have received a document from your administrator outlining responsibilities for reporting first quarter final marks. I have sent the following inquiry to the District in order to clarify their direction to teachers:

... is it the district's position that teachers have until the end of the second quarter to inform parents of the final mark for Quarter #1 courses, or are teachers required to report to parents now about first quarter courses, and then have them documented in MyEdBC by the end of the 2nd quarter? In either instance, is it the district's position that they have created a requirement of 4 formal reports for the 2020-2021 school year for secondary school teachers?

The District letter also requires that teachers must use Check My Progress to communicate these reports to parents. As this requirement would violate the consent order from grievance 2017-14, could you clarify that the district has mandated its use.

There has not yet been a response from the District to these questions. However, the ATU would like to inform teachers that there remains an open grievance scheduled for arbitration on issues connected to secondary reporting that is not yet resolved. The previous grievance on secondary reporting ended in a Consent Order that outlined current requirements for secondary reporting and it is the expectation of the ATU that these requirements will continue to be followed.

Until we receive clarity from the District to the questions posed above, the ATU suggests that teachers refrain from submitting their first quarter final marks at this time and understand that the use of *Check My Progress* remains optional for teachers.

In Solidarity,

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