



## NOVEMBER PRINCIPAL REPORT 2022

We respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting together on the unceded and traditional lands and waters of the **shíshálh Nation** and **SKWXWÚ7MESH ÚXWUMIXW** as we learn and collaborate with one another.

### Student Reporting Changes: **The Provincial Proficiency Scale and Descriptive Feedback**

The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale gives students, parents and caregivers a clear understanding of what students can do now and areas for future growth. The proficiency scale is already used with many students on the Sunshine Coast to communicate student learning. By the 2023-2024 school year, all teachers of students Kindergarten to Grade 9 will use this proficiency scale when communicating about student learning.

	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXTENDING
THE PROVINCIAL PROFICIENCY SCALE	The student demonstrates an <u>initial</u> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a <u>partial</u> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a <u>complete</u> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a <u>sophisticated</u> understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.


The Descriptive Feedback included in the Learning Updates and Summary (report cards) provides students and families with information on strengths; areas for growth & opportunities for further development. These changes reflect that learning is ongoing, rather than signaling that learning is done. Lifelong learning is supported by shifting the focus to developing competencies rather than the achievement of marks. High provincial standards are maintained by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning.

To listen to a 60 minute Webinar on the upcoming changes to Communicating Student Learning, including information on the Proficiency Scale, please visit this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcOvo3S0u7A>. In this session District Principal Kirsten Deasey and Chatelech Vice Principal Desiree Harris share information on the research, the changes and their experiences with using the proficiency scale and Standards Based Assessment.

## GIBSONS ELEMENTARY

*We learn today to succeed tomorrow.*

### Inclement Weather:



**SCHOOL DISTRICT 46  
SUNSHINE COAST**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE**  
*Information for Families*

During the time of the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students and staff and, in particular, when snowy weather has the potential to cause classes to be postponed or some School District 46 services to be suspended, current information will be updated continuously on:

- The district website ([sd46.bc.ca](http://sd46.bc.ca))
- Facebook and Twitter (@SD46SC)

The superintendent of schools will also provide 91.7 Coast FM with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services. In addition, parents/guardians and staff will receive a phone message and email notification. To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/sd46snow>.

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**Illness:** Staff, students and families are reminded to stay home in the event of any illness. With the presence of covid, flu and respiratory illness, it is important to continue to wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes in elbows and stay home if ill.

**Remembrance Day Ceremony:** Thursday, November 10, 2022

**Student and Family Affordability Funds:** This Ministry of Education and Childcare funding is one-time only and must be used by the end of the school year to:

1. Improve students' access to **nutritional food / meals**, before, during and after the school day
2. **Directly offset costs to parents, guardians, and students**, such as school supplies or other cost pressures they are facing

Gibsons Elementary was funded \$35 099. The funds will be used for:

- An After-School "Snack Pack"; available to students at the end of the day
- To provide food for Families First hampers (eg. Potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, bread)
- To supplement the breakfast program with hot food at least twice a week
- To provide 5 hours/week to Jess to prepare the food
- Having dry socks, mittens and hats available
- Providing food staples for families through a Grocery Bags To Go program