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Advice Regarding Post Phase 1 Submission of Marks and Completion of Report Cards (March 21, 2012)

The advice below is consistent with the decision of the 2012 BCTF AGM that “in schools/worksites where courses were completed during job action, report cards for those courses be considered struck work, with the exception of courses where students require the marks to graduate” and with the decision of the BCTF AGM to end our Phase 1 strike.

Submission of marks required for graduation

Where final marks for grade 10, 11 and 12 courses that were completed during Phase 1 have not already been submitted to administration, teachers may now submit their grade 10, 11 and 12 final marks in whatever form they have kept those marks. Teachers will submit their Phase 1 final marks only, not term marks, not effort marks and not comments—only final marks will be submitted, and only for grade 10, 11 and 12 courses. These are the marks that are required for graduation.

Reporting in the post Phase 1/pre AGM action plan implementation

Secondary teachers have submitted semester 1 final marks for all Grade 12 students and will be submitting spring term marks to accommodate Grade 12 students seeking early entrance to universities.

School Act and Regulations requirements for reporting

Regardless of any issues of struck work, the School Act, School Regulation and Student Progress Order are consistent in that they require 3 formal written student progress reports a year, one of which shall be at the end of the school year. Normally, that requires a Term 1 report card, a Term 2 report card and a final report card to be issued. This school year the ministry required principals to issue mostly blank Term 1 report cards to satisfy the School Act requirement. For Term 2, the Ministry informed boards and superintendents that the Term 2 report card was not required- the requirement was waived. The only required report card that now remains to be issued is the final report card in June. Any board that attempts to require additional report cards would not be in compliance with the School Act.