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VTF LRB Application Update

The April 20th LRB Order regarding student reports is in effect for Vancouver Secondary Teachers.

The VTF has been **unsuccessful in its application** to the LRB to have a prior agreement between the School District and the VTF upheld. This agreement would have seen teachers encouraged to communicate with parents and expected to write one formal year-end report card representing cumulative progress. While the LRB agreed that there was *evidence of an agreement between the parties* regarding a year-end report card, and the April 20th Order itself states that it would apply “subject to any alternate instructions issued by a School District”, the LRB ruled against the VTF. The terms of the April 20th Order were deemed to apply to Vancouver. Although the BCTF will be appealing this decision, it is a case of “work now, grieve later” given the reality of the current deadlines.

As per the LRB ruling, teachers are advised to enter/submit marks and reports in the usual manner by end of day, Friday, April 27th, 2012. They are reminded that these are to be abridged reports and that comments are *optional with the exception of instances where there has been significant change in student progress*. A work habit mark is also required. Please refer to the School Team Bulletin, Volume 10, Issue 10, detailing the LRB reporting requirements.

Thank you for your on-going support and patience.