

## **Information Bulletin for Parents and Guardians**

### ***Provincial Literacy Assessment at Grade 2***

***May - June***

#### **What is the Provincial Literacy Assessment at Grade 2?**

This assessment is an important component of New Brunswick's early literacy initiative. It supports the provincial commitment that students are able to read, comprehend and write at an expected level by the end of grade 2.

#### **Will all grade 2 students take part?**

Almost all grade 2 students will participate. Students whose Special Education Plans justify their not participating may be excused from the assessment.

#### **What will the assessment be like?**

Students will be presented several short passages at reading levels appropriate to grade 2. After each reading, they will answer questions to assess their understanding of the passage. As well, students will be asked to produce a short piece of writing independently.

#### **Will the assessment really take a full week?**

No. The reading test will be divided into flexible sessions totaling about forty minutes. Your child's teacher will plan an appropriate schedule and decide when these sessions will occur. The writing will be a piece which students have completed between May and June.

#### **Who will mark the students' work?**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will conduct a marking session in July. Teachers, principals and district office staff will be invited to participate.

#### **How will results be reported?**

At the beginning of the school year, the results will be produced showing how well grade 2 students have performed. Districts and schools will be provided with provincial, district and school level information, as well as individual student results.

**For more information about this assessment, please contact the  
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