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June 10, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I am writing to update you regarding the final report card for this year. The report card is important to parents and students—it reflects student achievement during the year. The marks, learning skills and comments provide valuable information about student progress.

Provincially, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), including YRDSB elementary teachers, is conducting a legal job action. As part of this job action, teachers are not fully and properly completing and processing students' report cards. As a result, teachers are not writing report card comments or inputting marks, which is necessary for report cards to be created for over 80,000 students in YRDSB schools. Consequently, the school board is not able to provide report cards for elementary students.

Instead, a promotion/grade placement letter will replace the 2014-2015 end of year Ontario Provincial Report Card. It will include attendance information and promotion/grade placement for next year. **This letter will be sent home by Monday, June 22, 2015**, and will be part of the permanent record for your child. We understand that this is disappointing – we share that disappointment. At the same time, the final report is one piece of assessment and should contain no surprises.

Our elementary teachers are skilled professionals who have kept you informed about student achievement and well-being during the year. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher anytime up to and including Friday, June 26, to discuss progress this year.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Phillip Parappally'.

J. Phillip Parappally  
Director of Education  
York Region District School Board