

# KAMLOOPS THOMPSON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Board of Education  
School District No. 73 Kamloops-Thompson  
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SENT VIA EMAIL

**Re: Foundations Skills Assessment (FSA) and District literacy and numeracy assessments**

Dear Trustees,

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) passed the following two motions on September 22, 2020:

1. **That the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) testing for 2020/2021 be cancelled due to COVID-19.**
2. **That the Board supports parents who choose to withdraw their child from the FSA for extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19.**

We are respectfully requesting the Board of Education of School District 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) consider passing similar motions, which we believe would be consistent with Trauma Informed best practice. On Twitter today, it was shared that Richmond trustees are requesting the FSA not take place until at least the new year.

The Association is similarly concerned about the many district assessments scheduled for students at all grade levels. We question the validity of these assessments given the lengthy period of emergency learning for students in recent months and the many cases of inequity in learning opportunities due to the pandemic. Cancelling or delaying these assessments would also be consistent with Trauma Informed best practice.

Thank you for your anticipated consideration of the above. Please call me at 250-554-1223 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

*Laurel Macpherson*  
*KTTA President*

cc Dr. Sullivan, Superintendent  
Sheri Lacusta, DPAC Chair



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