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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Alberta government is providing funding to jump-start targeted supports for students who require extra help with literacy and numeracy after two school years of pandemic-impacted learning. Early research indicates literacy and numeracy are two key areas where some younger children are experiencing challenges as a result of the pandemic. Research also indicates that early intervention with struggling learners can help students catch up to grade level.

In order to address this disruption to learning, all students in grades 1-3 with STAR Catholic Schools will be assessed using targeted literacy and math screening assessments. Grade 2 & 3 students will be assessed before the end of September and Grade 1 students by the end of January. These assessments will identify which students require supplemental support in reading and math. Those who are identified will receive additional programming in small groups.

Each school site will design programming to best meet local needs by offering small group sessions for up to 16 weeks for students in grades 1 to 3 who are assessed as needing additional support. Classroom teachers will communicate with parents/guardians of students who require interventions.

If you have further questions regarding these assessments and interventions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or administrator.

Yours sincerely,

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