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Directive on the Release of Alberta Achievement Test Results

Students in Grades 3, 6 and 9 are now required to write Alberta Achievement Tests (AAT) in Language Arts and Mathematics throughout the Northwest Territories (NWT). The purpose of writing these tests is to establish a baseline for improvement in student achievement over time, and as a guide to improving instruction.

In the public reporting of these results, it is important to protect the privacy of individual students. As there are many small schools in the NWT where a single grade may include only a few individuals and to ensure consistency across the education system, I am directing that results by individual school not be released to the public.

I will release results to the media at the Territorial level only. In *Towards Excellence*, these results will be reported, as are other results in that document, on the basis of Yellowknife, regional centres, and all other communities. The release of results data to the media should be coordinated so that Territorial results are released first. This year, that will be done the first week of December.

Following the Territorial release, divisional education councils/Yellowknife district education authorities are free to release their results at a division/Yellowknife district level only, if they wish. Results are not to be reported on a school basis.

Individual district education authorities (DEAs) may wish to examine school results for purposes of planning. In such cases, it is suggested that the public meeting deal with results in general terms and focus on school planning. An in-camera meeting of DEA members could be held if the school results need to be discussed in detail.

Parents and guardians should be provided with their child's individual AAT results, either as a matter of course, or upon request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Charles Dent

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