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Dear Teachers:

As many of you are likely aware, there are a number of curriculum changes underway in the province. Since 2013, BC teachers and the Ministry of Education have been working together on revisions to the current curriculum. The goals of the revisions have included ensuring our students get the skills they need to succeed in our changing world, and making sure that teachers can deliver the curriculum efficiently and effectively. The number of learning outcomes has been reduced, providing more time and flexibility for students to explore topics in depth.

We are beginning a three-year plan to implement the refreshed curriculum in public and independent schools throughout the province. Teachers may voluntarily use the K-9 draft curriculum, in full or in part, in the 2015/16 school year. Full transition to the K-9 curriculum will take place in all public and independent schools in BC in September 2016.

The strength of the new curriculum will be continuously improved based on your experience and feedback with it. Your feedback will also assist us with developing or enhancing areas of support for the curriculum, such as instructional examples.

All K-9 revised curricula are now posted, in English and French, at www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca. Curriculum drafts for Grades 10-12 are now available for review and feedback. Information on how to provide feedback can be found on the curriculum website. We will also be adding a number of support documents in the coming weeks.

There are a number of support documents currently posted and available to you. These include:

- Curriculum Search Tool: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/search>
- Introduction to BC's Redesigned Curriculum:
https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/curriculum_intro.pdf

Starting next week, introductions and "What's New" pages will begin to be posted for each subject area. In September, additional resources will be made available, including a planning guide for the new curriculum, Q&A documents, a teacher's guide for historical wrongs, and instructional videos on curriculum. Curriculum teams will be developing instructional examples, which will be posted on an ongoing basis, so check back regularly!

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This work would not be possible without the ongoing collaboration with teachers from all corners of our province. We look forward to continuing our work together, and providing regular updates, as we begin the transition to the new curriculum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Byng', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Byng
Deputy Minister