



LOVING

Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen,
of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears
of bodies, souls, voices and all relations:
You are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation.
Uphold with your love and compassion all who open their lives
in the sacred sharing of their stories;
Breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness,
that we may face our histories with courage;
Touch us through the holy gift of story
that those who speak and those who listen may
behold your own redeeming presence;
Guide us with holy wisdom to enter through the gates of remorse
that our feet may walk gently and firmly on the way of justice and healing.
Amen.
(From the Anglican Church of Canada)

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As many of you wrap up the school year with your students this week and work on report cards, we encourage you with some words of wisdom from Darren Spyksma (Director of Learning at SCSBC). Darren has been tweeting his “C-19 Ed thought of the day” everyday since our schools transitioned to virtual learning and here are a few relating to finishing well:

- “As we all live with tired, ensure that your tiredness is not reflected in comments, assessments, and student interaction. It’s June, but July is coming!”
- “Report cards are not about highlighting deficiency. If you haven’t had a conversation about a deficit, don’t put it in the report.”
- “As you point students toward the end of the year, establish practices of gratitude. We’re on a hard road, but we walk together knowing that the walk is easier if it’s not all about us.”
- “... with our year now counted in weeks, it’s time to build a bridge to the fall: Smiles + Connection + Story Sharing = A desire to return.”

LEADING

Although the goal for next September is for classes to be “as normal as possible,” we also need to prepare for continued remote learning or blended instruction, and be flexible in moving back and forth between the different models. Quite the task for school leaders and teachers. Here are a couple of things to help with this task:

1. To gather some end-of-the-year reflections, consider creating a survey

for staff, students and parents. [This document](#) has lots of questions you can use or adapt for your context. If you would like help creating the surveys, please contact our [office](#).

2. We will organize a PCCE zoom gathering on Wednesday June 24 at 1:30 MDT for schools to share their learnings. Hope to see you all there.

[This article](#) on remote-learning lessons learned is informative and the one aspect that I haven't seen mentioned in other articles is that we can get better at remote teaching through coaching and observations: principals observing, coaching and providing feedback to teachers and also opportunities for teachers to learn from each other by seeing examples of excellent remote teaching.

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