

KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Kate Andrews Parents/Guardians,

Several years ago Palliser Regional School Division introduced a process for reviewing its schools and since 2005-06 a review team has visited all schools in Palliser in order to assist the school's staff and administration with school planning. School reviews take place every four to five years or when a new principal is in their second year of leadership. **Kate Andrews** is the next school scheduled for a review, on **December 2, 2015.**

Specifically, the purpose of a school review is to:

- 1. Gather data to celebrate the good things being done at the school,
- 2. Inform the school's staff, students and parents about areas of need which might be addressed in future plans,
- 3. Begin a collaborative effort between stakeholders so that the best plan possible evolves.

The assumptions underlying a school review are:

- 1. Regardless of how effective or good a school is, it can improve;
- 2. Staff members want to grow professionally;
- 3. Stakeholders support improvement and growth:
- 4. Staff should lead the school improvement process.

There are **two** important avenues for you to provide the review team with your feedback.

First, there will be an on-line survey sent to all of our parents as part of the school review process. Please take the time to complete the survey and submit it to Palliser. The information is very important to both our school and the school review process. In addition to parents, we will also be asking students and staff to complete their responses "on line" as well. Results of all survey questionnaires (parents, students and staff) will be shared when the school review report is completed. If you have difficulty completing the survey please contact the principal, Harry Fritschy, and he can support you with this.

Second, we will be holding a "**Parent Focus Group**" session at Kate Andrews on **December 2** from **7:00 – 8:00 PM.** Please plan to attend this session as you will be able to share your views and opinions with the Superintendent and other Palliser Senior Administration.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated help with this very important initiative.

Yours truly,

Harry Fritschy