



David Truss - President
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Administrator's Association

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To Teresa McClintick, Mario Miniaci, and Tony Arthurs,

My name is David Truss and I am the President of the British Columbia Distributed Learning Administrator's Association. This letter was written as a request from our members, to clarify our processes in implementing the new curriculum. Clarification is needed because the implementation affects Distributed Learning schools in ways that regular 'Bricks and Mortar' schools (which have clean year-end dates of June 30th) are not affected. As a result, we would like the Ministry to clarify processes so that we can comply with requirements and prevent possible audit implications.

As encouraged by the Ministry, many of our member districts have developed and are already offering Career Life Education 10 (CLE 10) as an option for students to enroll in. However, there are no course codes for this course yet. Further, the Planning 10 course code is only to be used before June 30th, 2018.

To support our students, can you please consider the following scenarios and inform us of the tracking and reporting processes you would like us to follow:

- A student is signed up for CLE 10 and gets ACTIVE before July 1, 2018.
- A student is signed up for CLE 10 and gets both ACTIVE and COMPLETED before July 1, 2018.
- A student is signed up for Planning 10 and gets ACTIVE after June 30th, 2018.
- A student is signed up for Planning 10 and is not completed by June 30th, 2018. How long does the student have to finish the course? (What is the end date for Planning 10?)
- A Grade 9 student this year completes Planning 10. Will this course count towards the CLE grad requirement when the student graduates in 2021?

As mentioned, this letter is a request from members, and at least one of these members is being hampered in their ability to be innovative and provide students with different course offerings because of Board Office concerns. The district level concerns come from offering courses before, and beyond, June 30th which may not have course codes and be funded in full compliance with Ministry expectations. As such, our executive would like to request a response in writing that our members can share with their senior administration in their districts.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Truss".

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