"INFORMATION NOTE"

UPCOMING CHANGES FOR THE 2006/07 SCHOOL YEAR "PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM"

Beginning in the 2006/07 school year, the Provincial Scholarship Program name will change to "Grade 12 Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship". The award amount will remain the same at \$1000 except for the top twenty winners who will each receive \$2500.

A student will be able to receive <u>both</u> a Grade 12 Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship and a Dogwood District/Authority Award.

Examinations Scholarship Calculation

Beginning in the 2006/07 school year the SMS calculation will no longer be used to determine Examinations Scholarship winners. The Ministry has developed a new simplified way to calculate the winners. From a student's best three exam scores, the Ministry will apply a minimum threshold of 86% for each examination (except Communications 12). A student must also achieve at least a "B" in English 12, TPC 12 or Francais langue premiere 12.

AP (Advanced Placement) and IB (International Baccalaureate) Exams

The new scholarship calculation formula will also allow the Ministry to equate scores on Advanced Placement (AP) exams and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams to percents and recognize excellent performance in these two demanding programs. The ability to count these exam results towards provincial scholarships may encourage more students to take AP and IB courses and help them in their post-secondary studies.

For more information on the changes to this program, please visit the Awards website at <u>www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards</u>.