

## WHAT IS "SPEAK OUT"?

With the theme of "Create. Share. Inspire", we are excited to present Speak Out. Speak Out is the new name for the Langley District Speechfest we have enjoyed for so many years. Students have the opportunity to showcase their skills within the core competencies and the curricular competencies for oral language. A prepared package is available for the classroom teacher with a vision of introducing some exciting elements for the students to include in the future.

## WHAT HAS CHANGED?

- Speak Out been has been updated to reflect the BC Curriculum learning standards & now uses proficiency assessment language for success criteria.
- Grades 1-3, 4-5 and 6-7 students will have an opportunity to participate. This year, Grade 8 students will be invited to participate in a Slam Poetry event within their own schools.
- Due to Covid-19, we will not be hosting a District event in the 2020-21 school year.
- Classroom teachers may choose to engage in the Speak Out speech-writing process and host classroom and/or school-based celebrations.

## **HOW DO TEACHERS JOIN?**

The teacher package to participate in **Speak Out: Create. Share. Inspire** will be shared via TCS Teams to all interested teachers. In the package, teachers can look forward to:

- teaching framework
- process timeline
- topic suggestions
- strategies for effective speaking & listening
- proficiency success criteria specific to grade level
- student self-reflection



Please contact Jennifer King or Diane Smillie with any questions.