



May 21, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On April 21st, I informed you of the BC Teachers' Federation plans to commence Phase 1 of strike action on April 23rd. As you know, teachers across the province have been withdrawing many administrative and voluntary services since that date. Although negotiations have continued between the BC Public School Employer's Association (representing the Ministry of Education) and the BCTF, the parties have not yet reached a settlement.

I regret to inform you that the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF), the union representing teachers, has informed the school district that they will be engaged in Phase 2 - rotating strikes across BC - and that teachers will be **withdrawing teaching services in all SD10 schools and sites on Tuesday, May 27, 2014**. As of this time, this is the only day the BCTF have informed us that they will be withdrawing teaching services. On all other days, with teachers still not providing supervision for students outside of class time, the shortened day schedule will continue. NSS, NES and Lucerne schools will continue to end their day earlier than normal as outlined in my letter to parents of April 24, 2014.

On Tuesday, May 27th, schools and other locations will be picketed by members of the BCTF. I have been advised that other union personnel in our schools will be directed by their executive to not cross the BCTF picket lines. As a result, each school will have no teaching or support staff to supervise students. Busses will not run.

For safety reasons, I ask that parents keep all children home from classes on Tuesday May 27, 2014. Schools will be open again Wednesday, May 28th.

Thank you for your patience. We know that you share with us the desire to return to normal operations as quickly as possible and that this dispute will be concluded quickly. In the meantime, we will do our best to keep you informed in a timely manner.

For further information and updates please check the district website - www.sd10.bc.ca, the BCPSEA website - www.bcpsea.bc.ca or the BCTF website - www.bctf.ca or contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

Ms. Terry Taylor
Superintendent of Schools