

January 5, 2024

Dear Good Spirit School Division Families,

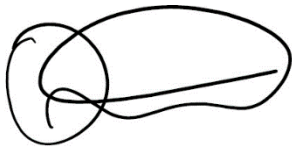
I hope this message finds you well. We at the Good Spirit School Division (GSSD) would like to update you on recent developments concerning the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) and their ongoing negotiations. We have been notified that the STF is considering job action after January 15, 2024, due to an impasse in their discussions with the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee. While the specifics of the job action, including its nature and start date, have not been communicated by the STF, we want to assure you that GSSD is committed to keeping you informed and prioritizing the learning and well-being of our students during this period.

It is essential for you to know that GSSD is not directly involved in the collective bargaining process. This is handled at the provincial level by the Provincial Bargaining Committee. However, we fully support our teachers and understand the critical role they play in our community. Considering the potential job action, there may be disruptions to our school routines. This could include reduced extracurricular activities, limited noon-hour supervision, and potential strikes, ranging from partial to full-day closures. We want to emphasize that these actions are a part of the collective bargaining rights of our teachers and are not a reflection of our school division's operations or decisions.

Rest assured, GSSD has developed contingency plans to minimize disruption to our schools in the event of strike action. We will provide timely updates through emails, text messages, our official website, EDSBY, and social media platforms. We kindly ask you to update your contact information with your child's school to ensure you receive these communications. We understand the challenges these uncertainties may bring and want to reaffirm our dedication to supporting you and your family. Your peace of mind is of utmost importance to us. Please feel free to contact our Division Office via email (info@gssd.ca) for any inquiries or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we will work to maintain a positive and supportive environment for our students and families during these challenging times.

Warm regards,



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