



March 18, 2024

Dear Good Spirit School Division Families and Staff,

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) has announced that on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**, there will be a one-day provincewide strike by all STF members. **There will be no school for all GSSD students on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.**

Additionally, the STF has announced a **two-day provincewide withdrawal of all extracurricular activities for Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, 2024.** The withdrawal of extracurricular activities includes before school, during the lunch hour, after school and the evening, for all STF members. This affects all Good Spirit School Division schools. This job action is part of the collective bargaining process.

**Provincewide Strike Details**

What this means for GSSD schools on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024:**

- Full walkout will occur for one day – Wednesday, March 20, 2024
- Normal academic activities, including classes and bus services, will resume as usual on Thursday, March 21, 2024. (No extracurricular for March 21 and 22. See details below)
- All academic and extracurricular activities scheduled for this date will be suspended.
- **All classes will be canceled, and students will not attend school.**
- No need to report student absences in Edsby for this day. Students will be marked as “NOT IN SESSION” at the Division level.
- Bus services will not be operational.
- Before and After School Programs housed in GSSD schools will not operate during the full walkout.
- Daycares in GSSD Schools will continue to function as usual during the job action.
- Student Led Conferences on March 20, 2024, will be rescheduled.

**Provincewide Withdrawal of Extracurricular Activities Details**

What this means for GSSD schools on **Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, 2024:**

- Before and after-school programs offered by external agencies will still run.
- Before and after-school supervision provided by STF members will still be in place.
- Withdrawal of all extracurricular activities: On Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, all students and families should be prepared for a pause in extracurricular activities. This includes any sports, clubs, music and arts programs, and any special interest groups that usually meet before school, during lunch breaks, after school, or in the evening.
- Noon-hour supervision will still be provided by STF members.
- All curricular activities and trips planned for during school hours will still run.
- Student Led Conferences will continue as scheduled on March 21 and 22, 2024.

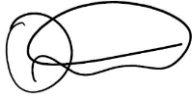
Job Action Currently Scheduled that affects GSSD	
Date	Announced Job Action
Tuesday, March 19, 2024	Rotating withdrawal of noon-hour supervision from STF members which includes GSSD Schools.
Wednesday, March 20, 2024	Province-wide strike for all GSSD schools. There will be <b>NO SCHOOL</b> on Wednesday.
Thursday, March 21, 2024	Province-wide withdrawal of extracurricular activities which includes GSSD Schools.
Friday, March 22, 2024	Province-wide withdrawal of extracurricular activities which includes GSSD Schools.

Understanding GSSD's Position:

- GSSD's Role: It is important to clarify that Good Spirit School Division is not part of the provincial bargaining process.
- Support for Collective Bargaining: We respect and support the rights of teachers in the collective bargaining process. This is an essential aspect of our educational system, ensuring that the needs and rights of educators are represented.

The safety and well-being of our students are always our top priority. We appreciate your support and collaboration in these efforts. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or email the Division at [info@gssd.ca](mailto:info@gssd.ca). Thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Quintin M. Robertson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Quintin M. Robertson  
Director of Education/CEO  
Good Spirit School Division