



News and Information

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RE: UPCOMING DISRUPTION OF SERVICES TUESDAY, MAY 27TH, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Teacher Job Action

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, the union representing teachers, has informed the school district that they will be engaged in rotating strikes and will be **withdrawing teaching services in the Central Okanagan School District on Tuesday, May 27th**.

On that day it is anticipated that schools and other district facilities will be picketed. It is also expected that all union personnel in our schools will be directed by their executives not to cross the picket lines. Should this occur, each school will have very limited or no teaching and support staff to supervise students.

While schools in our District will remain open on May 27th, there will be limited administrative coverage, and no instruction will be offered. For safety reasons, parents are asked to keep children at home or make alternate arrangements for them on Tuesday, May 27th. It is also important to note that school buses will not be operating on this date.

We anticipate that this will be a one day strike, and that classes will be back in session on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, and school buses will operate on the same schedule that currently exists.

For those individuals who access community-based programs in our schools (i.e. Preschools, StrongStart Centres, after-school care programs and evening rentals), please note that these programs will not be operating on May 27th. (School fields may still be accessed after normal school hours by user groups with rental agreements in place.) If you have questions regarding any of these programs, please contact the individual service provider.

We know that you share our desire to see a return to normal operations as soon as possible, and we thank you for your patience. In the meantime, we will do our best to keep you informed of any developments in a timely manner.

For further updates please check the local media outlets and/or go to the school district website at www.sd23.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Hugh Gloster,
Superintendent of Schools