

# News and Information

June 6, 2014

## RE: UPCOMING TEACHER JOB ACTION THURSDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

**Re: Teacher Job Action**

We have been informed by the British Columbia Teachers' Federation that they will be engaged in a third round of rotating strikes and will be **withdrawing teaching services in the Central Okanagan School District on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**.

It is anticipated that schools and other district facilities will be picketed on June 12<sup>th</sup>. It is also expected that all union personnel in our schools will once again be directed by their executives not to cross the picket lines. Should this occur, each school will have very limited staff to supervise students.

**While schools in our District will remain open on June 12<sup>th</sup>, there will likely only be 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 Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. It is also important to note that school buses will not be operating on this date.**

We anticipate that classes will be back in session on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and school buses will operate on the same schedule that currently exists.

We are aware that our secondary schools currently have the same block rotation in their timetable for June 12<sup>th</sup> as has been the case on the two previous rotating strike days. As such, the Principals of our secondary schools are planning to make a change to their timetables to avoid missing the same courses once again. Principals will inform their students and staff of the changes they are planning to make. Principals of elementary and middle schools will also inform their students and parents if they are intending to make any adjustments to their daily schedules as a result of the closure of our schools on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Parents may have already heard through the media that there is also the possibility of further job action starting the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>. We have been guaranteed that we will get at least 72 hours notice if there is a plan to have a full withdrawal of service, and we will attempt to give parents as much notice as possible. For future updates please check the local media outlets and/or go to the school district website at [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca). All bulletins will be posted to this site.

Once again, we thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Hugh Gloster  
Superintendent of Schools