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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Summer Learning in Coquitlam School District will not proceed as planned due to the current labour dispute between the British Columbia Teachers' Federation and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association. The Board of Education is committed to meeting the needs of students and schools will work closely with families and students to ensure success and graduation.

The Labour Relations Board ruled on Friday, June 27th, that remedial summer school courses are essential only for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who failed a course during the 2013-2014 year and who will not have the opportunity to make up the course in the following school year. SD43 students who have failed a class will have the opportunity to take the failed course next year at their school or through Coquitlam Open Learning (<http://online.sd43.bc.ca>). Every effort will be made by secondary schools to accommodate these students in the fall in order to minimize that impact.

While the School District is disappointed that it is unable to offer Summer Learning this year, the Board of Education has an abiding commitment to providing opportunities for learners to achieve their full potential. It is our sincere hope that students and their families will have a restful and relaxing summer and look forward to outstanding learning opportunities in the next school year.

Yours truly,

Tom Grant
Superintendent of Schools
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)