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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

As you may have heard, the British Columbia Teachers' Federation has announced that its members will be withdrawing their services for three days commencing Monday, March 5, 2012.

As a result, teachers will not be reporting for duty on the following days:

- Monday, March 5, 2012
- Tuesday, March 6, 2012
- Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

While school facilities will remain open under the supervision of school district staff, we will be unable to provide students with instruction or appropriate supervision during this period of job action.

We are therefore requesting that parents keep their children at home on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 5, 6, and 7).

No school district transportation (buses or taxis) will be provided March 5, 6 and 7.

Existing StrongStart programs for 3-year-olds, daycares, after-school programs housed in schools or on school property, and community rentals of school spaces, will continue to operate.

It is the sincere hope of the Board of Education that this dispute will be concluded quickly and that normal school operations will resume as quickly as possible.

In the meantime, we will do our utmost to keep you informed in a timely manner over the next week, via the SD43 website and local newspapers. For information on specific school events, please check your school's website.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Grant
Superintendent of Schools