

January 11, 2024

Dear Good Spirit School Division Families,

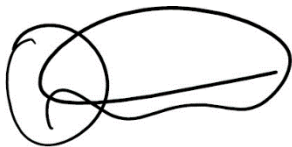
I hope this letter finds you well. It is with a sense of responsibility and commitment to transparency that we wish to inform you about a significant development affecting our schools. According to a recent announcement by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) on January 11, 2024, there will be a provincewide strike on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. During this strike, all STF members will withdraw their professional and voluntary services for the entire day, meaning they will not report to or enter their places of work. As a direct result of this action, please be informed that all classes and extracurricular activities within our division will be canceled on January 16, 2024. Also note, GSSD buses will not run on January 16, 2024.

It is essential for you to know that the Good Spirit School Division (GSSD) is not directly involved in the collective bargaining process, which is managed at the provincial level by the Provincial Bargaining Committee. However, we extend our full support to our teachers, recognizing the indispensable role they play in our community. We want to emphasize that these actions are part of the collective bargaining rights of our teachers and do not reflect the operational decisions of our school division.

Rest assured, GSSD has proactively developed contingency plans to minimize disruptions to our schools in the event of strike action. We are committed to providing timely updates through various channels, including emails, text messages, our official website, EDSBY, and social media platforms. To ensure you receive these communications, we kindly ask you to update your contact information with your child's school at your earliest convenience. We understand the challenges and uncertainties this situation may bring to your families. In these times, our focus remains steadfastly on supporting you and your children. Your peace of mind is of utmost importance to us. For any inquiries or concerns, please feel free to contact our Division Office via email at [info@gssd.ca](mailto:info@gssd.ca).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times. Our commitment to maintaining a positive and supportive environment for our students and families remains unwavering. Together, we will navigate through this situation with the best interests of our students at heart.

Warm regards,



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