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Dear Good Spirit School Division Families,

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) has announced that there will be a one-day rotating withdrawal of noon-hour supervision for STF members in select divisions on Friday, March 1, 2024. Good Spirit School Division is upon the select school divisions that will be affected by this action on Friday, March 1, 2024. This job action is part of the collective bargaining process.

This job action is in addition to the previously announced withdrawal of extracurricular activities on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

What This Means for GSSD Schools on March 1, 2024:

- Withdrawal of Noon-Hour Supervision: All STF members will not provide noon-hour supervision on this date. They will leave their place of work during their assigned noon hour.
- Request for Family Support: We encourage families who can arrange for their children to be at home during the noon hour on Friday, March 1, to do so. This will significantly ease the pressure on our schools during this time.
- Contingency Plans for Supervision: GSSD schools have developed contingency plans to ensure that students who remain on school premises during the noon hour are supervised and safe. These plans will be in effect on March 1.
- Notification to Schools: If you plan to have your child at home over the noon hour, please inform your school beforehand. This will help us in organizing and implementing our contingency plans effectively.
- Other Activities: Extracurricular activities and before and after school programs will still run on Friday, March 1, 2024. If your child has an extracurricular activity during the lunch hour, this may be altered. Please inquire with your school for specific details.

Understanding GSSD's Position:

- GSSD's Role: It is important to clarify that Good Spirit School Division is not part of the provincial bargaining process.
- Support for Collective Bargaining: We respect and support the rights of teachers to the collective bargaining process. This is an essential aspect of our educational system, ensuring that the needs and rights of educators are represented.

The safety and well-being of our students are always our top priority. We appreciate your support and collaboration in these efforts. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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