



June 6, 2014

Dear Parents and Students,

As you are aware, a great deal has happened this past week with respect to the current labour dispute between the BCTF and BCPSEA. Below are some updates for your information.

Rotating Strikes Continue

The rotating strikes continue next week with the Langley School District being impacted on Friday, June 13th.

Full Strike Vote

Parents will have heard in the media that on June 9th and 10th teachers will vote on whether or not to give the BCTF the mandate to move to Phase Three of Strike Action which could include a full walkout province-wide. 72 hours' notice (not including weekends) must be provided to the employer before a full strike takes place.

Report Cards

As an outcome of the labour dispute, the District is working on a plan for a condensed final report card for students. We are planning to provide report cards, but they will not look like report cards in a normal school year. With the lockout and the restrictions on teachers' work, report cards will not look the same as they usually do.

Provincial Exams

Students and teachers have prepared hard for the writing of provincial exams. Exams will proceed, as indicated by the Minister of Education, on days as planned. If necessary, administrators will invigilate/supervise the writing of exams.

Summer Session

BCPSEA has provided clarification that there is no intent for the lockout of teachers (that includes a full day lockout for all teachers on June 27th) to extend into the summer. Again, there may be changes on the labour front before the end of June but, as of today the District is planning to continue with summer session.

Thank you for your support during these challenging and uncertain times. Administrators and teachers, as well as students, appreciate the many parents that have been able to step in and assist with supporting events such as field trips and special activities. The Board of Education and all members of the community continue to hope for a resolution at the bargaining table. The School District Website, Twitter feed and Facebook page will provide the most up to date information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Hoffman'.

Suzanne Hoffman
Superintendent of Schools