

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (SOOKE)

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Although we remain hopeful that a negotiated settlement can be reached over the weekend, the BCTF has provided notice that there will be a one day rotating strike in all school districts on Monday, June 16, 2014 and that there will be a full withdrawal strike starting on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. We are unable to provide students with instruction or appropriate supervision during the strike. We are therefore requesting that parents make alternate arrangements for the care of their children.

<u>Information for parents of Grades 10, 11 and 12 students:</u>

Provincial exams will proceed as scheduled. Click the following link for the exam schedule:

https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/1314/june_2014_exams_revised_public_schools.pdf . The local union will provide unrestricted access and egress for students who are writing provincial exams.

Nicole Greengoe, President of the BC Registrar's Association, issued the following statement below regarding the BCTF work stoppage and its effects on grade 12 students:

"In the event of a work stoppage affecting BCTF membership, BC's public and private post-secondary institutions who are members of the British Columbia Registrar's Association, will work with impacted secondary school students to ensure their admission to our programs is not negatively affected. This may include extending deadlines for receipt of final grades, or possibly accepting self-declared or interim grades on a temporary basis until official final grades are available."

We are awaiting a Labour Relations Board ruling on the submission of marks and report cards.

Our understanding is that bargaining continues throughout this weekend. Parents are advised to listen to media announcements and/or go to the School District's website, www.sd62.bc.ca for updates on this matter.

Yours truly,

Jim Cambridge Superintendent of

Schools