



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

◆ Squamish ◆ Whistler ◆ Pemberton

May 28, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Teacher Job Action

As you are already aware, the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) continue to negotiate a new contract. The BCTF began 'Stage One' of job action at the end of April which had minimal impact on students as it had been limited to teacher activities outside of the classroom. On May 20, 2014, I sent you notification that BCTF had served notice to move to rotating strikes as 'Stage Two' of their job action. As a result, schools were closed in our school district earlier this week on Monday, May 26, 2014. In response to both stages of job action, BCPSEA moved to a 'partial lockout' of teachers (*more information available on our website*). Late today the BCTF served notice that the next day impacted by the rotating strike for our district will be Friday, June 6, 2014.

As such, all **School District No. 48 schools will be closed on Friday, June 6, 2014**. Students are to remain home. School bus transportation will also be cancelled. Administrators will remain on site at each school in the event of any emergencies. Schools and school bus transportation will resume on Monday, June 9, 2014.

Given the nature of 'rotating' strikes, and dependent on provincial bargaining progress, we are again advising you of the possibility of future school closures during this 'Stage Two' of BCTF job action. We will continue to provide you with updated information as soon as is practicable. We encourage parents to remain aware of current updates by checking our website at <http://sd48seatosky.org/>. You may also wish to follow information posted on the BCTF website at <http://www.bctf.ca/> and the BCPSEA website at <http://www.bcpsea.bc.ca/>

If you need more specific information about school-related matters during the job action, please contact your principal directly.

It remains our collective hope that the labour dispute is resolved quickly at the bargaining table and that our school district can soon return to normal operations. Thank you for your continued understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa McCullough".

Lisa McCullough
Superintendent of Schools