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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: First Report Card - Elementary

On September 6, 2011, the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) commenced Phase 1 strike action. In British Columbia, strikes in essential services industries are governed by the Labour Relations Code. Essential services are those services related to the health, safety or welfare of BC residents or to the provision of primary or secondary educational programs. The BCTF, in an essential services industry, is entitled to engage in strike activity; however, the union is required to maintain certain essential services during that time.

As outlined by the Labour Relations Board, during Phase 1 job action, BCTF members need not perform certain duties including preparing or distributing report cards. However, administrators are obliged under the School Act to issue the reports with information available that may assist parents. For these reasons, during job action, your child's report card will be different than those you have received in the past. Your child's report card will show your child's division, teacher's name, attendance information, and information from your child's school administrator should they teach in your child's classroom. You will not see indicators or comments on your child's learning from the classroom teacher. If you have questions about your child's progress, please contact the teacher.

Meanwhile, we are doing everything possible during this challenging time to keep the focus on students and minimize any impact that this current labour dispute may have on their education.

Sincerely,

Bev Young
Superintendent of Schools
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