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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Teachers have chosen to escalate the job action that has been in place since September. A recent ruling by the Labour Relations Board (LRB) allows teachers to withdraw services for up to three days in the first week of the strike, provided that they give two school days' notice before striking. Since that ruling, the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) has given notice that it intends to strike for three days starting on Monday next week.

Given that teachers will be on strike, there will not be sufficient staff available to provide adequate supervision for our students. Instruction will not be available. Since the safety and security of our students is always paramount, we ask parents to make alternative child-care arrangements for their children during the strike. We anticipate classes resuming on Thursday of next week, but please stay tuned to the media. At this time we don't expect there to be pickets around the schools or childcare sites on school property. Parents may access the sites without having to cross any picket lines.

During this challenging time, we will endeavor to keep you up-to-date as much as possible. We recommend that you stay tuned to media stations for current information as it develops. You can also check our website and social media channels, which we will be constantly updating with new information as we receive it. You can find the latest information surrounding job action on our website at: www.vsb.bc.ca/district-news/job-action-information-and-updates

Teachers are participating in a legal job action. We are hopeful that this strike will come to a resolution quickly so that we can get back to supporting teaching and learning. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Steve Cardwell
Superintendent of Schools/CEO

c: Trustees