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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation announced this morning that there will be a **province-wide strike by all members of the STF for one day on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**

As a result, school will be closed for students on Tuesday, January 16, and all school programming, including field trips and extra-curricular activities, will be cancelled. Please ensure you make alternate arrangements for your child/children for that day.

At this time, we do not have any information about any further teacher job action. Future job action could take various forms, including: withdrawal of supervision of extra-curricular activities, withdrawal of noon-hour supervision, half-day/full-day strikes, rotating strikes or a general strike. Teacher job action will have varying impacts on school operations and may include closing schools to students.

The following beliefs will guide our communication and our planning with Prairie Spirit students, staff and families:

- The safety of students is our first priority.
- Communication with families is essential.
- Prairie Spirit will maintain a focus on student learning.
- The security of school buildings will be maintained.
- We respect the collective bargaining rights of our staff.

Please be aware that future job action may occur with limited notice, and we encourage families to be prepared.

Prairie Spirit will provide any updates to families via email and text as soon as they become available. Information will be posted on the Prairie Spirit website: www.spiritsd.ca/update and on the Division's social media channels.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tracey Young
Director of Education