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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

Earlier today, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) announced additional teacher job action that will impact all Prairie Spirit schools on Thursday, February 8, 2024. **The STF will withdraw all noon-hour supervision for one day on Thursday, February 8.**

Without teachers available to provide supervision over the lunch break, Prairie Spirit cannot ensure the safety of students. **As a result, all Prairie Spirit students will leave the school and school grounds over the lunch break on Thursday.**

Families may choose to make arrangements for their children over the lunch break with family, friends, or in-town billets. School is open in the afternoon for students who are able to attend, and learning will continue.

Your school will confirm the exact schedule for noon-hour dismissal on Thursday. Because there is no supervision over lunch, it is critical that students do not return to the school until the time provided by your school. School playgrounds will be unsupervised throughout the lunch break and the school doors will be locked.

Prairie Spirit buses will transport bus students home at the school's determined noon dismissal time. Buses cannot accommodate any guest riders or any changes to regular route schedules. Transportation will not be provided after the lunch hour or at the end of the school day. **If your child returns to the school for the afternoon, transportation at the end of the school day will be the responsibility of each family, as buses will not run.**

Reminder of upcoming teacher job action:

1. **Wednesday, February 7:** All Prairie Spirit schools will be closed for students due to the STF's rotating strikes.
2. **Thursday, February 8:** All Prairie Spirit students will leave the school and school grounds over the lunch break. All Prairie Spirit schools will dismiss students prior to the lunch break due to the withdrawal of noon-hour supervision. Prairie Spirit buses will transport students home during the lunch break only – there will be no buses running at the end of the school day.

Please ensure you make the necessary arrangements for your child/children. At this time, we expect regular school operations to resume on Friday, February 9.

We do not have any information about any further job action. 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