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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) announced additional teacher job action that will impact all Prairie Spirit schools. **The STF will withdraw all noon-hour supervision across the province for one day on Friday, February 16.** The STF also announced rotating strikes for Friday, February 16; these strikes **do not** impact Prairie Spirit schools at this time.

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 Friday.**

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 Friday. 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.

At this time, we do not have any information about further sanctions after the February break, but the STF has shared that families can expect sanctions to resume after the February break. Families should continue to plan accordingly. We will plan for a regular school day on Monday, February 26, unless or until we are notified otherwise.

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](http://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