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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of my letter is to provide the most recent information available at this time regarding the current labor dispute and the impact on school opening on September 2, 2014. We are encouraged that mediator, Mr. Vince Ready, has met with representatives of the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) and the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF).

Currently, there has been no information provided to school districts that schools will open on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. While we remain optimistic about a return to school following the Labor Day weekend, we encourage parents to plan for the possibility of this not occurring next week and to make the necessary childcare arrangements.

Our maintenance department has worked diligently over the summer and we are ready to welcome our staff and students back to school as soon as a settlement is reached. We are asking that parents continue to watch the local media and check our district website ([www.sd78.bc.ca](http://www.sd78.bc.ca)) as well as the BC government website ([www.bcparentinfo.ca](http://www.bcparentinfo.ca)) for further updates over the long weekend. Should there be a settlement, we will inform parents/guardians of the opening procedures immediately.

Once again, thank you for your continued understanding and patience during this time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Nelson".

Karen Nelson, EdD,  
Superintendent of Schools