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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you will have been made aware through the media, a negotiated settlement has not yet been reached between the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA). We anticipate that schools in the Fraser-Cascade School District will be behind picket lines on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 and quite probably for the remainder of the week. It is important to also note that school district buses will not be operating.

I realize that this news is very disappointing as this is the time of year when students, families and school district staff eagerly anticipate and prepare for the beginning of a new school year.

While principals and vice principals will be in our schools they will be unable to provide instruction or appropriate supervision. We respectfully request that parents/guardians do not send their children to school, and make alternate childcare arrangements.

We remain optimistic that we will soon be in a position to share positive news about the upcoming school year and the educational opportunities awaiting your children. We continue to ask parents/guardians to watch the local media and check our district website (www.sd78.bc.ca) as well as the government website (www.bcparentinfo.ca) for further updates.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Yours truly,

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

Karen Nelson, EdD
Superintendent of Schools