



News and Information

September 1, 2011

ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS, STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.22 (VERNON)

On Wednesday, August 31, 2011, the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) served Strike Notice to School District No. 22 (Vernon). As a result, the Vernon Teachers' Association (VTA), unless otherwise ordered by the Labour Relations Board, will commence job action (strike) beginning at 7:00 am on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

The first phase of this strike will result in the withdrawal of some teacher administrative duties as well as the removal of teacher supervision responsibilities outside of instructional time. With respect to the latter, and to ensure student safety, recess/morning breaks at all schools will be eliminated for the duration of the job action. The practical effect of this will be to shorten the school day by fifteen minutes for all schools. **Accordingly, at the end of the day, students in all schools will be dismissed fifteen minutes earlier than usual.** District bus transportation schedules will be adjusted to align with this dismissal time.

A letter will be sent home with students detailing the specific effects of the job action. A copy of this letter will also be forwarded to all partner groups and to individual School Parent Advisory Councils. Strike Action updates will be posted regularly on our School District website www.sd22.bc.ca.

Should you have any questions with regard to the strike, please contact the Superintendent of Schools. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this challenging time.

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cc: Vernon Teachers' Association (VTA)
Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 5523 (CUPE)
District Parent Advisory Council
Vernon Principals and Vice Principals' Association
School Parent Advisory Councils