

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As you may be aware, the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) remain at an impasse with regard to negotiating a new contract. Unfortunately, the parties have not been able to make progress over the summer months and as a result, we remain uncertain as to whether schools will open as scheduled on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

At this time, we continue to plan for our regular school opening with students in session on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 (see the link below for school schedules and bus routes). Under normal circumstances, our first day of school provides an opportunity for students to meet their teachers and prepare for the school year. However, as a result of the disruption caused by the labour dispute in June, staff have not had an opportunity to prepare class organizations at the elementary schools and the student timetables at the secondary level to the extent we would have liked. That said, I know that our staff will ensure that our students have an enjoyable and successful introduction to the 2014/15 school year.

It is very disappointing that this level of uncertainty exists in a time when our students should be looking forward to a very exciting time of year. I know that our entire school community continues to be extremely concerned with the impact this dispute is having on our students.

We will do our utmost to keep you informed in a timely manner and will update our website regularly at [www.sd19.bc.ca](http://www.sd19.bc.ca).

If you have questions, please contact your principal or myself. I thank you for your understanding.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Hooker', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mike Hooker  
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Revelstoke Board of Education  
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