



Richmond, September 1, 2011

Dear parents,

In the coming weeks and perhaps over the next few months, schools in the Conseil scolaire francophone, along with all the other schools in the public school system in British Columbia, may be subject to pressures exerted by members of the provincial teachers' union.

The members of the *BC Teachers Federation* have voted by a large majority in favour of strike action, to force the government and employers in the public education system to conclude a new collective agreement.

Beginning on September 6, the union will initiate the first in a series of measures by asking its members to restrict their tasks to teaching functions. As a result, teachers could refuse to carry out a number of other tasks, such as formal meetings with parents or the school administration, taking part in committee meetings and producing report cards.

The Conseil scolaire francophone is confident the effect of this initial phase of the labour conflict on the classes and the students' activities should be limited. In the event the conflict should take on more dimension, the administration of the CSF will notify parents of any new measures to be implemented.

It is important to note that the Conseil scolaire francophone does not have a seat of its own at the provincial negotiations. These discussions will take place between the BCTF, which is the provincial teachers' union, and representatives of the BCPSEA, the employers' association for all school boards in British Columbia, with which the CSF is affiliated.

I hope that this brief information addresses your concerns. Please be assured that the administration of the Conseil scolaire francophone will keep you informed of the situation as it evolves.

Sincerely,

Mario Cyr
Executive Director