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Dear Parents/Guardians;

Teachers are committed to improving the learning conditions for students and look forward to working with parents to ensure that your children have the best possible experience this school year.

As you are aware, our members are currently involved in job action. As part of our collective action, we will be focused on teaching, rather than on the growing number of administrative tasks that take time away from student learning. During this time, teachers will be taking attendance, helping students who need assistance before and after class, and dealing with emergencies that arise.

While interviews and the reporting of progress may look different this school year, please be assured communicating with families will continue to be a priority for all teachers.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

- Parent/Teacher interviews may not occur in the traditional format used in Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District.
- Teachers and parents should connect, throughout the school year, to ensure support for their students.

Reporting of Progress

- Teachers will assess and track the progress of students.
- Teachers will provide verbal and written feedback to students throughout the school year.
- Teachers will contact parents to set up a meeting if there is any concern with a student.
- Parents can contact teachers to set up a meeting at an agreeable time.
- Formal grades, required for Grade 12 graduation, will be provided.

As teachers, we value our relationship with parents and firmly believe that the bond between parents and teachers is critical to helping each child succeed in school. As a profession, we will work to ensure quality public education is available to all children in our community, and throughout British Columbia.

Sincerely,



Derek DeGear
President
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