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On Tuesday, June 10, the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) announced that teachers and school administrators across the province voted in favour of a strike. It is important to understand that a strike vote is one step in the provincial bargaining process, and it could lead to labour action. Should the ATA decide to take labour action, it is required to provide school boards with 72 hours' notice and it has up to 120 days to begin any labour action.

For the time being, there are no disruptions to learning or changes to normal operations in any Peace River School Division (PRSD) schools resulting from this provincial bargaining process. With the exception of Red Earth Creek School that is temporarily closed due to wildfire evacuation, at this stage in the bargaining process, all schools will remain open with classes and planned activities continuing as usual.

It is important to remember that bargaining between the <u>Teacher Employer Bargaining</u> <u>Association</u> (TEBA) and the ATA happens centrally at the provincial level. This means that all decisions regarding a provincial collective agreement are made provincially, not by individual school boards.

At the PRSD, we deeply value all of our staff and the incredible contributions they make to student success each and every school day. We respect the bargaining process and are hopeful that TEBA and the ATA will conclude the bargaining process as soon as possible so that a new collective agreement can be implemented without any disruption in educational services.

We are committed to keeping you informed as this situation evolves.

Sincerely,

Jeff Thompson, PhD Superintendent of Schools



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