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Bus Driver Strike Protocol

This email has been sent to all WSD staff and Trustees via auto-distribution email

From: WSD Senior Administration

Subject: UFCW 832 (Bus Drivers) Strike

This is to advise you that the UFCW 832 (Bus Drivers) has begun strike action against Winnipeg School Division today. Parents and guardians are being notified through various media including school messenger, social media and the WSD website.

Parents and guardians have been made aware of the potential for a strike on several occasions since March. As recently as last week, Transportation provided parents and guardians, whose children are normally bussed to school, with information about a bus driver strike and advised them of options for their children. These included the option to drive them to school themselves and receive a stipend from the school division and which may include enrolling them in Before and After school programs (being set up for September 14), transfer their child from a language program school to a closer English language school for the duration, or enrol in virtual schooling (a form of remote learning). Students requiring wheelchair transportation will continue to be served. Senior Administration is working with parents/guardians and our schools to make the arrangements for these options.

Picketing is expected to be concentrated at the WSD Bus Depot, however, if pickets are set up at schools, please be advised of the following:

1. You have a legal obligation to report to work. If you are delayed you should have the contact information of your supervisor so that you can call and advise them why you are delayed.
2. In the event of a strike and if pickets are stationed at your building, you should respect picket lines. Although you do not have the right to refuse to cross another union's picket line you should respect the protocols that are in place. Picket lines are designed to slow things down, do not force your way through. If you are stopped by the picketers, you should simply wait for a couple of minutes until they move out of your way and the proceed onto WSD property. If the picketers want to engage you in a discussion about their reasons for picketing, you may listen or politely explain that you are not involved in the dispute and that you have a legal obligation to work. Do not be in any way confrontational.

If you have additional questions about the UFCW 832 (Bus Drivers) strike, please speak to your supervisor or Principal. Additional information for employees will be provided as it comes available.



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