



West Rouge JPS

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Michael Murphy, Principal

Dear parents/guardians,

As you know, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is currently in contract negotiations with the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and has been taking part in a selected withdrawal of services since November 2019.

Recently, the union announced Phase 3 of its job action, which started on Monday, January 13. As part of this phase of job action, ETFO members will not participate in field trips. As a result, our Junior Ski Days scheduled for January 23rd, 30th, and February 6th to Brimacombe are postponed at this time. If a resolution to the labour situation occurs prior to one or more of these dates, we will make every effort to go ahead with the days that remain. As the dates come up and no resolution is reached we will have to cancel the trip for that day. The decision to cancel the ski days will be made each Monday for that particular week. If an agreement is reached during the ski season, we will attempt to reschedule any of the days that get postponed.

A refund of the cost of the trip will be issued to you electronically. This refund will occur AFTER February 6th for the ski days that end up being cancelled.

We appreciate the many parents who made arrangements to attend and help with this trip.

I would like to thank all parents/guardians for their understanding and patience during this time. We are hopeful that an agreement with ETFO can be reached soon to avoid any further disruption.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office by phone at 416-396-6635 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'M. Murphy'.

M. Murphy
Principal
