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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation has announced that teachers will be employing **restriction of services** sanctions that impact extra-curricular activities and supervision before and after school, starting on **Thursday, March 12**.

1. Effective Thursday, March 12, teachers will not participate in school events scheduled outside of the school day.

Therefore, all extra-curricular activities outside the school day are cancelled at all schools until further notice. This applies to all extra-curricular activities (practices, games, tournaments, school clubs, drama, etc.), including any athletic teams or school clubs with community coaches or leaders.

2. Effective Thursday, March 12, sanctions will limit teacher supervision before and after school.

As a result, students should not arrive at school more than 15 minutes before instructional time starts and must leave school promptly at the end of the day. School doors will be opened 15 minutes before school starts in the morning.

This limited supervision before and after school will also impact some bus routes. You will be contacted directly if this will impact your child's regular bus schedule.

Student safety continues to be our first priority. As always, please keep safety in mind when dropping off and picking up students from school. Because of the possibility of increased traffic congestion at the school, we are asking drivers to be extra vigilant regarding pedestrian traffic. Students will be given additional time before being considered late for school, allowing families to take their time in school zones and drop-off areas.

We have been assured by the STF that regular supervision practices will remain in place during lunch and recess. Regular curricular learning activities will continue within the school day. Please note that any planned parent/teacher/student conferences are unaffected by the sanctions.

The following beliefs will continue to guide our communication and our planning with Prairie Spirit staff, students and families:

- The safety of students is our first priority.
- Communication with families is essential.
- Prairie Spirit will maintain a focus on student learning.
- We respect the collective bargaining rights of our staff.
- The security of school buildings will be maintained.

If you have questions, please contact your school administration. The Division will provide updates as soon as they become available. In addition, information will be posted on the Prairie Spirit website: www.spiritsd.ca/update, information line: 306-683-2882 and on social media channels.

Sincerely,

Sam Dyck, Chair
Prairie Spirit Board of Education

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