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To:Horizon Families & Community MembersFrom:Kevin C. Garinger, Director of EducationDate:April 10, 2024Re:Noon Period Supervisioncc:Horizon School Division Board of Education
Horizon Director's Leadership Team

Dear Horizon Families,

As part of Horizon's commitment to open communication, I want to share an important update about the ongoing job actions of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF). The STF has withdrawn all voluntary services, including noon-period supervision and extracurricular activities, until further notice.

Until now, out-of-scope division staff, parent volunteers, and community volunteers have been providing noon-period supervision in several schools. While this temporary measure has allowed us to meet our students' needs without interrupting the school day or impacting families in a significant fashion, it is not a viable long-term solution. Our schools' needs have simply outweighed the resources we have to support supervision.

To address these challenges, we are reaching out to our Horizon community for support. We request the assistance of parents/caregivers, and community volunteers to support noon-period supervision in our schools. Your involvement is now critical to continue to ensure a safe environment during lunchtime.

Please feel free to share with any community members or organizations who may be willing to help. We will continue to reimburse volunteers for their Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check fees, as well as offer a \$20 honorarium per noon period. We ask that you please complete the <u>Noon Supervision</u> <u>Volunteer Form</u> at this link should you be willing to volunteer. Your support and collaboration are invaluable for us to manage the safety of our students.

Responses are required by Friday, April 12, by 3:00 p.m. If supervision is unavailable, we will need to consider alternative arrangements in those affected schools beginning Monday, April 15, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial safety matter and for your continued support of our students.

Yours in education,

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