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Update on the strike action, and the upcoming school year

Amaa hiihlukw,

Dear Parents and Community members,

You are aware that the BC Teacher Union is on strike all over the province of BC. We do not know when the schools will reopen at this point in time, but it is likely the strike will extend well into the first two weeks of schools. We are hoping for a better outcome and will be ready to welcome the students should the Union and the Government come to an agreement.

We will keep you updated!

On another note, we are informing you that our Achievement Contract will be on our Web page before the end of September, but it must first be adopted by the Board at the next public meeting. The highlight of the Achievement contract tells us that we are succeeding in narrowing the performance gap that lies between our students and other students around the province. We are not out of the woods yet, but we are definitely improving. Our music program will expand this year so that all our students may receive the same level of services. The alternative program is also receiving better support so that our children may have an opportunity to follow a different pathway to graduation.

Finally, we are welcoming two new principals this year.

Mr. Ken Cornett will assume the principal duties at AAMES. Mr. Cornett spent many years in Aboriginal communities, and is very experienced in administration. He is committed to Literacy and Numeracy. He even developed a computer program for his students, and managed to substantially improve their performance. Mr. Cornett has a passion for wildlife and is an avid photographer. Our students will benefit from his love of life.

We are also welcoming Mr. Don Beadle at NESS. Mr. Beadle was the heart of the alternative school and the online program at School District No. 46. He was very involved with Aboriginal Education over the past few years, and participated in many cultural events including the yearly canoe trips. His approach to education is to **do all it takes** to help the students. These two gentlemen come with high recommendations. It is great to see they chose the NASS to pursue their careers.

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