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Labour Update

Many parents are asking questions about the state of extra-curricular activities in our schools. That is completely understandable. All of us know how important extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs and field trips) are to our students. For many, this is their opportunity to connect with peers, staff, and community members outside of the classroom. For some, it is a vital link to schools and the motivating factor that keeps them there.

Without a doubt, the past five months have been challenging. The strike is over; contracts have been imposed by the province. It is time for us to move forward as a district.

We have wonderful teachers and support staff who have generously volunteered their time in the past. This week, I wrote a letter to every teacher and every member of support staff in our district, thanking them for their time, and letting them know that the district will support their individual decision to lead extra-curriculum activities should they choose to do so. However, we understand that their time is not limitless. The Board will continue to support volunteers in our schools. To date, we have had over 200 community and parent volunteers go through our central selection process. Thank you! You are helping us do great things for our students.

All of our schools have some extra-curricular activities in place for students. Our goal is to once again have opportunities for our students to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Working together--staff and community volunteers--we can make this happen. Our students need and deserve our very best.

Sincerely,

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