



**SCHOOL DISTRICT 68 (NANAIMO-LADYSMITH)**

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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT/CEO**

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Dear Parents of Elementary Students:

I am writing to let you know about a schedule change that our school district will be making at elementary schools as a result of the current job action by the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

Effective Monday, October 31, the 15-minute elementary school recess will be scheduled at the end of the school day and parents will be able to pick up their children 15 minutes earlier than the current schedule, if you wish. Please note that the afternoon school bus schedule will not change, and students who ride the bus will be supervised at school until such time as their buses arrive.

If for some reason you do not wish to pick up your child 15 minutes early, there will be supervision at the school until the normal dismissal time.

We are making this change for the following reasons.

- During the job action, teachers have not been providing supervision for students before and after school, and at recess.
- In Nanaimo-Ladysmith schools, management staff members, principals and vice-principals have been providing supervision for the past seven weeks.
- It appears that this job action may continue for some time, and district management staff, principals and vice-principals cannot sustain the current supervision schedules.
- Changing the elementary recess to the end of the day will reduce the number of times that management staff members have to travel to schools to supervise students.
- This change is being made only at elementary schools.

More detailed information is available on our school district website at [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca). We recognize that this new schedule may create some difficulties for some families and we appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hutchinson'.

David Hutchinson  
Superintendent of Schools/CEO