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SCHOOL CLOSURES

February has been cold and you can count on more snow to come! Please be careful, but if an accident does occur, report it in the CSST log available at all school offices. See your doctor as soon as possible.

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When the School Board decides to close a school to students due to the weather or other reasons, that prevent its normal use, teachers do not have to be present. So, in other words, if the building is closed for students, it is closed for teachers as well. But if a closure occurs while students are at school, teachers must remain on duty until all students have left.

OVERSIZE COMPENSATION

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Oversize compensation should be paid when it is due. The School Board has until February 15th, 2014 to do so. You should also receive a document outlining your compensation. Check with your administration if you are not sure whether you qualify or not.

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As in the past few years, we are using our funds to the fullest. There are still funds available, so get your requests in. Please respect the guidelines, they are available on our website under booklets. www.rtu-ser.ca

LEAVES OF ABSENCES

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The March 1st deadline is fast approaching, if you would like to request a leave of absence without pay or a leave of absence with deferred pay. Please make sure to get done on time.

SPLIT CLASSES

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Again this year, there is money [Approximately \$17,000.00] for split classes. Please get out there and spend the money for your class.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Preparations for next school year should have already started. Accordingly the school board Administration is requested to CONSULT the School Council on a number of issues:

- i) Needs in terms of teaching staff (Before March 7th of each year) School Administrators forward this information to the School Board, which then determines the number of surplus teachers, if any.

- ii) The pedagogical objectives and school organizations, which you all have been discussing or should be : MESA.
- iii) The allocation of budget amounts available to the school.
- iv) The choice of textbooks and educational materials required for teaching
- v) Local programs of study to meet the specific needs of the students, such as IB program; Sport excellence: I Can etc.
- vi) The time allocation for each subject is to be approved by the Governing Board, based on a proposal from the School Principal – This proposal is done based on Compulsory Consultation with the teachers of the school. Failure on a Governing Board's part to approve the proposal, means that no decision is taken and it would be back the drawing board.
- vii) Consultations regarding new policies or changes in policy must take place at least seven working days prior to the implementation of the policy on change.

DON'T FORGET OUR WEBSITE!!

You never know what you may find!

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