



Perkiomen Valley School District

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Dear Perkiomen Valley School District Parent/Guardian:

The Perkiomen Valley Education Association (PVEA) has notified the Perkiomen Valley School District of their intent to strike beginning on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

Negotiations between the Perkiomen Valley Board of School Directors and the Perkiomen Valley Education Association (PVEA) have been ongoing since January 2010. Based on the rules that govern negotiations for school districts (Act 88), the work stoppage will be brief. The maximum duration of any strike in the state of Pennsylvania is determined by the Department of Education, and is based upon the school district's calendar. Additional details about Act 88 can be found on the district website at www.pvsd.org.

Following are important contingency plans for this work stoppage:

- **All school district classes will be cancelled for the duration of the strike.** Decisions about announcements to our families will be provided via AlertNow, the district website (www.pvsd.org), and the PV Newline at (610) 489-8506, press 2.
- School closures will be made on a day-to-day basis, with announcement of school closures no later than 10 p.m. on the preceding day.
- Classes housed at or by MCIU, NMTCC, and out-of-district alternative schools will continue as scheduled, with the district providing transportation. Classes for students attending out-of-district special education programs will continue as scheduled with district transportation.
- All MCIU classes housed in Perkiomen Valley schools will be cancelled.
- Decision regarding the continuation of the school district's athletics and other activities will be made on a case-by-case basis. Once that is known, we will communicate the information to parents, guardians, and staff.
- Non-public transportation will continue.
- Child care will be provided by the YMCAs.
- College placement services will be available at the high school guidance office by calling (610) 489-1230.
- The District Office and all school offices will be open during a work stoppage, and will operate on a regular schedule.
- Outside use of school district facilities and Community Education Program classes will continue.

The Freedom Valley and North Penn YMCAs have both agreed to run full-day childcare programs for students in grades K-8 in the event of a strike. If your family would be interested in purchasing childcare services from the YMCA, you must pre-register. Please contact them directly:

- If your child(ren) attend South or Evergreen Elementary School or East or West Middle School, childcare services will be held at South Elementary School. Contact the Freedom Valley YMCA at www.fvymca.org for additional information.
- If your child(ren) attend Skippack or Schwenksville Elementary School, childcare services will be held at Skippack Elementary School. Contact the North Penn YMCA at www.northpennymca.org for additional information.

It is our hope that these plans will accommodate everyone's most pressing needs during this time. We encourage you to continue to monitor the school district website at www.pvsd.org for timely information and updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifford L. Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clifford" being the most prominent.

Clifford L. Rogers, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools