



March 21, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: First Student Bowmanville Bus Driver Strike

I wanted to send this brief note home to assure you that we recognize the real difficulties, frustration and inconvenience that this regrettable turn of events is causing affected parents, students and families.

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We remain hopeful that the employer, First Student, and the bus drivers' union, Unifor, will resume negotiations as soon as possible. As neither STSCO nor the school boards are the employer, we are not at the negotiating table. We have, however, been monitoring the negotiations closely and will continue to do so.

We believe bus drivers do an excellent job transporting our students safely to and from school and we hope they can return to work as soon as possible. We continue to encourage both parties to return to the bargaining table, and we remain hopeful that a settlement can be reached shortly.

In the meantime, we encourage families to check the STSCO website often at [stsco.ca](http://stsco.ca); our website at [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca); and @stsco.ca or @kprschools on Twitter, for the latest news. Families also can subscribe to receive electronic updates directly from STSCO, by visiting [stsco.ca](http://stsco.ca)

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