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Second Round of Rotating Teacher Strikes

SASKATOON – Today, teachers are giving 48 hours' notice of locations for the next round of rotating strikes. The following teachers' local associations will be taking strike action on Wednesday, February 7:

Creighton Teachers' Association

Creighton School Division

Northern Area Teachers' Association

• Northern Lights School Division

Prairie Spirit Teachers' Association

• Prairie Spirit School Division

Saskatoon Teachers' Association

- Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
- Saskatoon Public Schools

Strike action includes Conseil des écoles fransaskoises schools and Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre teachers who work at a school or regional campus within the geographic boundaries of the public school divisions listed above. This includes ÉCF Pavillon Gustave Dubois, ÉCF Pavillon Monique Rousseau, École Providence, DLC Far North Campus in La Ronge and DLC Central Campus in Saskatoon. The job action involves approximately 4,300 teachers and will affect classes for approximately 65,300 students.

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"Government thinks they can wait us out, but they have failed to account for the most important factors. Teachers are fed up and are united. There is strong and growing support for the action we're taking because students, parents, businesses and communities know we all deserve better," says Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation President Samantha Becotte. "Solving the crisis in our publicly funded schools doesn't only give today's students what they need, it benefits all of us. Saskatchewan's economy is strong and today's students are the workforce of tomorrow. Employers want to be able to hire talented and educated employees from within the province.

"People are witnessing the crisis unfolding in public schools, and they are not being fooled by the government's spin," continues Becotte. "We need the government to catch up with the people of this province. It is beyond time government returns to the table ready to actually negotiate so we can work together on real solutions."

Everyone concerned about the impacts of job sanctions or the future of publicly funded schools in Saskatchewan is encouraged to sign up for <u>Tell Them Tuesday</u>. Join tens of thousands of people from across the province and call on the Government of Saskatchewan and your local MLA to get the government's bargaining committee back to the table with teachers.

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