



Staking A Claim in Our Students' Future

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Dear Guthrie Public Schools Patrons:

Recently, the Oklahoma Education Association called for a statewide teacher work stoppage beginning on Monday, April 2nd. The purpose of the work stoppage is to encourage the Oklahoma Legislature to increase educational funding and teacher salaries.

I have polled our teachers twice and they have overwhelmingly indicated their willingness to participate in the walkout if the legislature fails to act before April 2nd. It will not be possible to cover the number of staff members who indicate their participation in the work stoppage. Board policy allows me the discretion to close school in case of an emergency. Obviously, lack of staff to properly supervise or educate our students is an emergency. Although I will not make the final determination until Friday, March 30th, I wanted to provide you with this information so you may make plans during this time. I have attached a Frequently Asked Questions Page for your reference. It can also be found on our website.

Thank you for your support of our schools and teachers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Simpson'.

Mike Simpson, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools