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Dear Grade 7&8 Families,

This letter is another update for you regarding the status of the Grade 7&8 trip to Camp Wanakita in Haliburton, Ontario.

We have appreciated your patience and understanding over the past month since we cancelled the January 27-29 trip and as we continued to hold the registration funds.

As you have heard through HWDSB Website Communications and the local media, the Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario and the Provincial Government continue to be in contract negotiations. Specific Job Actions by the ETFO continue. Until a negotiated settlement is reached, one of the job actions continues to have a direct impact upon out-of-school excursions (class trips).

As there continues to be uncertainty over this situation, we have decided to refund all registration money paid for the Camp Wanakita trip at this time.

If you paid through School Cash Online, you will find the money reversed back to you. It usually appears in two separate installments within 24 hours of each other. If there are any problems or concerns, please contact the office. If you paid by cash or cheque, we will issue a refund cheque to you over the next week.

We will continue to monitor the situation to see if there is any possibility of rescheduling this trip to a later date in the year but we felt that it was unfair to you to continue to hold your money.

We continue to appreciate your patience as we work within this situation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. T. Illman
Principal

Mrs. J. Adler
Vice Principal