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Dear Knapp families,

As many of you know, members of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association have voted to strike beginning as soon as next Monday, Jan. 28. I want to share some information about how our school will operate during a strike.

- **Our school will be open and operating on a regular schedule.** While I do not know how many of our teachers may participate in a strike, our school will be open. If needed, we will be supported by substitute teachers and central office staff who hold educator licenses.
- **School-based services will be provided, including school meals, transportation and SOARS before- and after-school programs.**
- **Please confirm your contact information is up-to-date.** You may do this by logging into Parent Portal or contacting our front office. This will allow us to notify you quickly of any changes.
- **Please ensure your child's medication list is up-to-date.** Please do this by contacting our front office at 720-424-6130. If necessary, the district will provide certified nursing services to administer medication.
- **Our attendance policy on excused and unexcused absences will remain the same.** If you wish to excuse your child from school, you must notify the school.

DPS has created a Family Resource Guide to help respond to your questions; it is available on our school website at [knapp.dpsk12.org](http://knapp.dpsk12.org). In addition, you may call the district's Family Helpline at 720-423-3054 between 7:30 and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information about the strike, please visit [teacherstrike.dpsk12.org](http://teacherstrike.dpsk12.org).

**Finally, a note about safety during a strike.** Feelings may be running high and we may see picketing or other protest activity outside our school. I have worked with the DPS Safety Team to create a plan to ensure our building remains accessible in the event of such activity. I encourage you, no matter how you feel about the strike, to please model good behavior for our students.

If you wish to volunteer at our school during a strike, please let the school know. Thank you for your support and understanding during this tough time.

*Yours in Education,*

*Shane Knight, Principal*