



Subject: **No School Friday, Sept. 9**

Dear SPS Families and Staff,

There will be no school on Friday, Sept. 9. We are negotiating with Seattle Education Association, but we do not yet have an agreement.

We continue to bargain in good faith and are making every effort to return students to classrooms. We understand the challenges placed on students and families when schools are closed.

We will send updates to families and staff by 3 p.m. tomorrow regarding school for Monday. Please check your email, text messages, or voicemail for updates.

Updates for Families

- **Student meals** will continue to be provided at several school sites. Free sack lunches are available for all students and can be picked up from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- **Middle and high school student schedules** will be available in The Source Friday, Sept. 9.
- **The SPS Transportation** team continues to work with school bus vendors to ensure we are ready when the first day of school is announced. You may see yellow school buses on Seattle streets as bus drivers complete preparation route runs.
- **Kindergarten and preschoolers'** first day of school is planned for Monday, Sept. 12. The Early Learning team is working on how a delayed start may affect our youngest students. We will communicate any changes related to Family Connection Visits and kindergarten and preschool start of school once the decision has been made.

[Updates and resources can also be found on the district website](#)

[Please send us feedback and questions using our Let's Talk online form.](#)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work toward an agreement.

Sincerely,
Office of Public Affairs
Seattle Public Schools