



Dear Garden Place Academy Families,

As many of you know, members of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) have voted to strike. Shortly afterward, DPS asked the state of Colorado to intervene in hopes of reaching a resolution before a strike. At this time, we are not clear when a strike will occur and understand this uncertainty is difficult for our teachers and our families.

We will share updates as soon as we have them. In the meantime, I want to provide 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 YMCA 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.
- **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 or the absence will be unexcused.

DPS has created a Family Resource Guide in multiple languages to help respond to your questions. Please visit [this page](#) to see the guides as well as easy-to-print summaries. This information is also available on the district webpage. In addition, you may call the district's Family Helpline at 720-423-3054 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To keep up with general news about the strike, please visit 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.

Sincerely,
Andrea Renteria & Matthew Johnson
Principal & Assistant Principal