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Dear Patrons of Miami Public School,

I am writing to inform you that Miami Public Schools **will not be in session the remainder of this week, Thursday, April 5th and Friday, April 6th**. Our staff will continue to advocate for funding for our students, as they work to ensure our students have an optimal educational experience.

I know many of you have questions, mainly why is the walkout continuing? As you have heard, teachers and support staff will receive a raise, schools received funding for textbooks and operational monies to restore the cuts sustained this year; however, the revenue sources contained in the bills do not adequately fund all of these things (pay raises, textbooks, etc.). That means either schools will have more cuts and/or other core services will be cut. Our staff does not want their pay raises funded on the backs of our children or our core services. They will continue to fight for stable revenue sources that will fund the recently passed legislation. **THIS IS NOT ABOUT TEACHERS GETTING A LARGER PAY RAISE!!!** It is about our students and our state, so we can ensure a brighter future for both.

I feel I can speak for our staff in saying thank you for your support! Miami has been UNITED up to this point and I ask for your continued support. I support our teachers because their purpose is to improve education for all students. I hope you will choose to continue to support them as well!

We will continue to provide breakfast and lunch for the duration of the walkout at Nichols Upper ES. Please see our website (www.miami.k12.ok.us) for times and transportation information.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at jhogan@mpswardogs.com.

Together in Education,
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