

October 3, 2019



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you would be aware, CUPE, which represents a number of our school support staff, has given notice that they will be moving their job action to a full withdrawal of services effective Monday, October 7, if a provincial settlement is not reached by the end of day on October 6. In the DPCDSB, CUPE staff are in a range of job classifications, including Secretaries, Custodians and Maintenance personnel, Clerks, Library Technicians, Buyers, Technical Support Specialists, and Supply Chain Expeditors.

After thorough analysis of the challenges and significant impacts that a full withdrawal of services would have on our ability to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for students, it has been determined that, **IF A SETTLEMENT IS NOT REACHED AND THE CUPE STRIKE PROCEEDS, out of an abundance of caution for the health, safety and well-being of students, the DPCDSB, WILL CLOSE ALL SCHOOLS TO STUDENTS effective Monday, October 7 until further notice.**

All non-striking DPCDSB staff will be expected to report for work as usual, i.e., to the location they would normally attend on a Monday morning.

We strongly encourage you to continue to closely monitor the DPCDSB website ([www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org)), all school websites, Twitter (@DPCDSBSchools) and through DPCDSB school communication channels.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We ask for your continued prayers for a timely and just resolution to this matter.

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