February 28, 2020

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association (OECTA) has indicated that it will engage in a province-wide strike on Thursday, March 5 unless a tentative agreement is reached with the Ontario government and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association.

As a result, if no agreement is reached:

- All DPCDSB schools will be closed to students on Thursday, March 5.
- Student transportation will be cancelled on Thursday, March 5.
- Permits in DPCDSB schools and facilities are not impacted and permitted activities will proceed as scheduled.
- Childcare Centres in DPCDSB schools will be open on Thursday, March 5.

Please contact the extended day service provider at your school, i.e., PLASP, YMCA, Family Day, regarding their respective program offerings on Thursday, March 5.

Picketing could occur at schools and other DPCDSB locations. Peaceful picketing is lawful for the purpose of obtaining/communicating information. There is a legal obligation on the part of anyone crossing or attempting to cross a picket line to do so in a manner that does not endanger the safety of any person. Picketers can stop an individual and speak for a short period of time without breaking the law. When driving a vehicle, approach the picket line from the right-hand lane in order to avoid traffic congestion.

We will continue to keep parents/guardians apprised of any updates with respect to OECTA job action and its impact on schools and students through Community Information Bulletins, like this one, which are sent by email through SchoolMessenger. These bulletins are posted on the DPCDSB website (dpcdsb.org) and all school websites. They are also communicated through DPCDSB social media platforms,

1. Twitter (@DPCDSBSchools)
2. Facebook (@DPCDSBSchools)
3. Instagram (@DPCDSB.Schools)

We encourage you to follow us on our social media platforms. Again, all information is posted on the DPCDSB website in a timely manner. Check the Labour Relations Update tab at www.dpcdsb.org

A reminder that, if you have not registered an email address to receive information from your child(ren)’s school(s), we encourage you to do so. Please contact the school(s) directly.

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

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