January 9, 2020

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association (OECTA) has announced that it will initiate job action across the province on Monday, January 13 unless a tentative agreement is reached with the Ontario government and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association.

We do not anticipate that this job action will affect the safe operation of DPCDSB schools and ALL DPCDSB SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN with regular programming on Monday, January 13.

OECTA has indicated that the job action would be “administrative” in nature and has directed its members to:

- not participate in the preparation and inputting of report card comments, including learning skills.
  - input marks only on the report cards;
  - Kindergarten teachers input one sentence comments;
  - not prepare progress report cards in secondary schools.
- not enter diagnostic testing data in school board systems.
- not participate in any EQAO-related activities, including field testing, marking, administrative duties, test preparation, and administration of the test.
- not attend or participate in any meetings, and/or undertake tasks related to any Ministry of Education initiative.
- not conduct or submit any student assessment data for any purpose other than their own personal student assessment.
- not attend staff meetings, department meetings, divisional meetings, Ministry or board in-services, or any other such activity.
- engage only in self-directed professional development activities on PD days.

We will continue to keep parents/guardians apprised of any updates through Community Information Bulletins sent to you by email. These bulletins will also be communicated through Twitter and posted on the DPCDSB website and all school websites.

If you have not registered an email address to receive information from your child(ren)’s school(s), we encourage you to do so. Similarly, we encourage you to follow us on Twitter at @DPCDSBSchools. Again, all information will be posted on the DPCDSB website. Check the Labour Relations Update tab at www.dpcdsb.org.

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

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