



# *Rainy River*

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Dear Parents/Guardians of RRDSB Elementary Students:

The Rainy River District School Board has been informed by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) that it will not be sending assessment materials at this time to any schools that are experiencing labour action, including all elementary schools of the Rainy River District School Board. As such, Grades 3 and 6 EQAO assessments in Reading, Writing and Math, scheduled to take place in elementary schools from May 25 to June 4, 2015, have been cancelled.

Bargaining and dialogue between the province and unions representing teachers and school support staff has been underway since the new year. Contracts have expired and are currently being bargained, as outlined in legislation, between the province, unions, and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA).

As part of this process, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has been in a legal job action position as of Monday, May 11, 2015. It is important for you to know that:

- schools of our Board are OPEN as normal, and
- school activities such as field trips, sports and extracurricular activities are continuing.

Parents are valued partners in education, and we will provide any new information or updates as they arise. We have also established a dedicated section accessible from the front page of our website, [www.rrdsb.com](http://www.rrdsb.com), for ongoing updates.

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