



## NOTICE TO PARENTS

### UPDATE – May 9, 2016

#### High schools closed to Grades 9 to 12 students on May 11, 2016

As the School Board will not be able to provide a safe learning environment for students due to the strike actions of high school teachers on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, all instructional programs for Grades 9 to 12 will be cancelled, and all Rainy River District School Board high schools will be closed to students, with the exception of Grades 7 and 8 students at Atikokan High School.

Elementary school classes and programming will continue as normal.

Additional impacts of the one-day strikes include:

- high school extra-curricular activities, field trips, school events are being either rescheduled, postponed or cancelled during the one-day walk outs, while many extended field trips are continuing.
- buses for high school students not operating.

Buses will continue their routes for elementary students only.

Community use of schools, in the evenings and on weekends, will continue as scheduled.

We are requesting that OSSTF pause their strike action and move forward together to resolve our differences. Rest assured that, regardless of the response to this request, marks will be provided at the end of the school year and Administration will provide the additional necessary support for graduation ceremonies to take place.

High school students are encouraged to continue their learning through self-directed study, continuing to prepare for their exams or assignments as under normal circumstances.

Should the weekly one-day strike action continue, it may take place on any day of the week, with a minimum of 24 hours' notice provided to the Board from OSSTF.

We understand and sincerely regret this disruption for our students. Thank you for your understanding during this challenging time for everyone in our system. We are committed to maintaining positive relationships with our students, parents, staff and broader community. Parents are valued partners in education, and we will provide any new information and updates as they arise.

Mission: ***“Together, we empower all students to believe in themselves, to achieve, and to dream.”***

Vision: ***“The Rainy River District School Board is an innovative community, nurturing hearts and minds, to build a foundation for tomorrow, today.”***

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