



NOTICE TO PARENTS

UPDATE – May 30, 2016

High schools closed to Grades 9 to 12 students on June 2, 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 Thursday, June 2, 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 programming for Grades 7 and 8 students at Atikokan High School.

Elementary school classes and programming will continue as normal.

For those high school students who registered to attend the Celebration of Inclusive Schools on June 2, 2016 at La Place Rendez-Vous, alternate arrangements will be provided to allow for their participation in this event on Thursday.

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 disappointed to inform parents that provincial OSSTF President, Paul Elliott, advised the Board late last week that further job action will include teachers not participating graduation ceremonies for our Grade 12 students.

Rest assured that administration will provide the additional necessary support for graduation ceremonies to take place, and marks will be provided at the end of the school year.

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.

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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