



NOTICE TO PARENTS

Update – October 14, 2015, regarding negotiations and ETFO

Elementary Teachers Continue Work to Rule Actions

All RRDSB elementary schools remain OPEN

On October 14, 2015, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association issued a [news release](#) regarding the status of provincial table negotiations with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO). The release outlines the progress made to date on negotiations.

ETFO continues its withdrawal of services in all schools across Ontario. ETFO has stated that rotating one-day strikes are a possible action they would undertake if progress could not be made at the negotiations table. Throughout the negotiations process, we have been providing families with updates regarding labour action to be taken by ETFO. ETFO is in a legal strike position and has stated it will undertake one-day rotating strikes in October, should a deal not be reached.

ETFO has not provided any further information regarding their intention to strike or any related timelines. We will continue to keep families informed and share information as quickly as possible directly with families.

What does the current status mean for our students?

- All RRDSB elementary schools, school-based child care and before and after school programs remain open as normal.
- Please know that teaching and learning and student safety continue to be the central focus of the school day.
- Extra-curricular activities may continue, but not on Wednesdays.

Further details regarding the work to rule can be found in previous updates located below this message. We remain committed to keeping families informed and whenever possible, will share new information directly with families.

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