

May 6, 2015

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FAMILIES

The purpose of this letter is to update families in Trillium Lakelands District School Board on the status of labour negotiations with elementary teachers.

All current contracts for all education unions expired August 31, 2014. The government is participating in a newly legislated provincial bargaining framework, bringing together representatives from the province, unions, and the Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA). The new legislation includes central provincial negotiations on all compensation and staffing matters. Local negotiations are for non-monetary contract items.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has provided notice of strike action in all Ontario elementary schools beginning Monday, May 11, 2015. At this time we do not know what this strike action will mean for students and families in TLDSB.

We anticipate that we will see work-to-rule in TLDSB schools starting on May 11, 2015. Teachers might not participate in items such as EQAO testing, staff meetings, and professional development. In this case, schools will remain open to students.

We understand that the potential for labour disruption can create anxiety for our students, parents, and staff. Parents will be provided with information as quickly as possible about any strike action that changes the regular operation of schools so that you can plan accordingly.

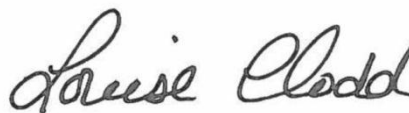
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