

January 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, we would like to express our thanks to all families for your support and assistance as we worked through today's labour action.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has announced that it intends to hold a one-day walkout on Monday, January 20, 2020, unless an agreement is reached by Friday, January 17th.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) is affected by this action. **All OCDSB elementary schools will be closed to students on Monday, January 20, 2020.** This includes students in grade 7 and 8 attending Bell, Earl of March, Longfields-Davidson Heights, Merivale and Sir Robert Borden High Schools. **Parents of elementary students (K-8) should make plans for childcare on January 20th.** School bus transportation for **elementary** students will be cancelled. Parents are asked NOT to bring their children to school on Monday.

The Extended Day Program will be open for students already registered in the program. Parents with registered students can expect additional information from the program. Programs offered by third-party providers may also continue - please check with your provider for details.

All community use of school permits for January 20 will continue as usual.

### **Secondary Schools**

**All secondary schools are open on Monday, January 20th and students in grades 9-12 are expected to attend school.** School bus transportation will be available for secondary students. OSSTF has advised that there will be no walk-outs affecting the secondary school exam period.

### **Financial Compensation for Parents**

The Government of Ontario announced that financial support will be available to parents. For further details and to apply, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/education-contract-talks-stay-updated>

The OCDSB will continue to provide information to parents as more details become available. Please monitor email, media, and school and district websites for updates. Further information can also be found on the [OCDSB Labour Negotiations webpage](#).

Thank you,

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board