



February 24, 2020

SENT BY EMAIL

To Presidents/Chairs of all Teacher Candidate Associations

Dear Teacher Candidate Leader:

Please find below the latest information on upcoming strike actions to be undertaken by Ontario teachers. In addition to sanctions already in place, and unless a negotiated settlement is found:

1. On Thursday, February 27, all 12,000 members of l'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO) across Ontario will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services. The announcement received from AEFO states:

« La prochaine journée de débrayage est prévue pour le 27 février 2020. Les lieux et horaires de piquetage seront affichés mercredi. »

Updates *en français* regarding AEFO strike action can be found at www.ensemblepouragir.ca .

2. On Friday, February 28, teacher members of OSSTF employed by the Keewatin-Patricia, Ontario North East, Moose Factory Island, James Bay Lowlands Secondary, Rainbow, Bluewater, Upper Grand, Durham, Hamilton-Wentworth, Ottawa-Carleton and Upper Canada school boards and the Provincial School Authority will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services.

Additionally, support staff members of OSSTF employed by the Wellington Catholic and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic school boards, the Provincial School Authority, Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières and Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien, as well as at the specific schools listed in Appendix A in the Conseil scolaire publique de district du Grand Nord de l'Ontario, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario, Conseil scolaire catholique Mon Avenir, Conseil scolaire Viamonde, Conseil scolaire des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario and Conseil scolaire des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est will also be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services.

We have written to the Deans of Education, asking them to ensure that teacher candidates at your institution are informed about the impending strike actions by AEFO and OSSTF members and that all are aware that there will be no practicum on the dates specified above in the schools where teachers are on strike. For schools where support staff workers are on strike, your Dean will need to check with the appropriate school boards to ascertain whether or not practicum may continue in those schools.

We would appreciate it if you would also assist in making sure that all teacher candidates at your institution are well apprised of the above.

Suspension of Rotating Strikes by OECTA

On the evening of Friday, February 21, OTF received the attached news release from OECTA regarding its decision to suspend strike action that had been planned for this week (February 24 – 28), as negotiations between OECTA and the Government of Ontario were set to resume on Monday, February 24. What this means is that practicum in Catholic schools where OECTA members are employed may continue this week as usual.

If you require any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by email at lindy.amato@otffeo.on.ca and by phone at 1-800-268-7061 or 416-966-3424.

Sincerely,

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