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**SENT BY EMAIL**

To Presidents/Chairs of all Teacher Candidate Associations

Dear Teacher Candidate Leader:

Further to my correspondence to you of yesterday, Monday, February 24, 2020, please find below updated information regarding job actions by Ontario teachers:

1. AEFO has notified us that the one-day full withdrawal of services that was scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 27, will not take place, owing to the massive winter storm forecast by Environment Canada. The announcement received from AEFO states:

*« En raison des prévisions météorologiques annonçant d'importantes chutes de neige dans plusieurs régions de l'Ontario, l'AEFO annulera sa journée de débrayage ce jeudi 27 février. »*

Updates *en français* regarding AEFO strike action can be found at [www.ensemblepouragir.ca](http://www.ensemblepouragir.ca) .

2. OTF has been asked by some Deans to clarify the impact of yesterday's Phase 6 Strike Protocol announcement by ETFO (attached) – scheduled to begin on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Please be advised that the escalated work-to-rule action by ETFO members does NOT include a withdrawal of associate teaching services. As part of Phase 6, ETFO members will not:
  - fill in for absences that should be covered by occasional teachers and education workers.
  - upload data related to assessments.
  - use their personal funds to pay for classroom and education-related expenses.

This means that teacher candidates may continue to attend practicum as usual until further notice. As with all of the ongoing work-to-rule actions, teacher candidates will need to continue to be vigilant about **not volunteering to take on activities from which teachers in their placement schools have refrained.**

We have written to the Deans of Education, asking them to ensure that teacher candidates at your institution are informed about the suspended strike action by AEFO members and to ensure that you are aware that there will be practicum on February 27 in the schools where AEFO teachers are employed, **UNLESS schools are closed due to inclement weather.**

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.

Additionally, please also remind your fellow teacher candidates that all Affiliates – AEFO, ETFO, OECTA and OSSTF – continue to engage in ongoing work-to-rule actions and that, as noted above, they should not volunteer to take on activities from which teachers in their placement schools have refrained.

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](mailto:lindy.amato@otffeo.on.ca) and by phone at 1-800-268-7061 or 416-966-3424.

Sincerely,

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