



January 20, 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:

1. On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) employed by the Thames Valley, Rainbow and Rainy River school boards will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services.
2. On Thursday, January 23, 2020, members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) employed by the Avon Maitland, Halton, Lakehead and Niagara school boards will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services.
3. On Friday, January 24, 2020, members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) employed by the Bluewater and Ontario North East school boards will 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 ETFO members and that they know that there will be no practicum on the dates indicated in public elementary schools in the above-named school boards.

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.

In an effort to avoid confusion about the many strike actions being undertaken this week, you will find on the following page a full summary of this week's strike actions by teachers that have impact on practicum placements. Please be reminded that some school boards may be closing schools where education workers are engaged in strike action, even if teachers in those boards are not on strike. Your Dean will need to check with the appropriate school boards to ascertain whether or not practicum may continue for those schools.

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

## Calendar of Strike Activity Impacting Practicum Placements for the Week of January 20 – 24, 2020

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in Toronto, York Region and Ottawa-Carleton school boards.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in Grand Erie, Trillium Lakelands, Renfrew and Superior-Greenstone school boards.
- One-day full withdrawal of services by OECTA members in all English Catholic school boards across the province.
- One-day full withdrawal of services by OSSTF members in Rainy River, Near North, Grand Erie, Toronto, Simcoe County, Trillium Lakelands and Hasting Prince Edward school boards.
- One-day full withdrawal of services by OSSTF support staff members in Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic school boards. Additionally, there will be a one-day full withdrawal of services by OSSTF support staff members in select schools in the 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 de Centre-Est. **Faculties will need to check these boards to see if practicum may continue.**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in Thames Valley, Rainbow and Rainy River school boards.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in Avon Maitland, Halton, Lakehead and Niagara school boards.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in Bluewater and Ontario North East school boards.

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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