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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:

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has advised that, if central agreements are not reached by January 31, 2020, in addition to sanctions already in place ETFO will escalate its strike action as follows:

1. Beginning on Monday, February 3, and until further notice, ETFO members across the province will withdraw from all extracurricular activities. ETFO has informed us that associate teaching will NOT be affected by this escalated work-to-rule action.
2. On Monday, February 3, members of ETFO employed by the Bluewater, Grand Erie, Halton, Ontario North East, Renfrew County, Superior Greenstone and Trillium Lakelands school boards will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services.
3. On Tuesday, February 4, members of ETFO employed by the Avon Maitland, Durham, Durham Catholic, Hastings-Prince Edward, Lambton Kent, Peel, Rainbow, Thames Valley and Upper Grand school boards and the Campbell Children's School Authority will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services.
4. On Wednesday, February 5, members of ETFO employed by the Kawartha Pine Ridge, Keewatin-Patricia, Lakehead, Near North, Ottawa-Carleton, Penetanguishene Protestant Separate, Rainy River, Simcoe County and Upper Canada school boards and the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services.
5. On Thursday, February 6, all 83,000 members of ETFO across Ontario will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services.
6. On Friday, February 7, members of ETFO employed by the Algoma, Greater Essex County, Hamilton-Wentworth, Limestone, Niagara, Toronto, Toronto Catholic, Waterloo and York Region school boards as well as the Bloorview, John McGivney Children's Centre, KidsAbility, Moosonee,

Moose Factory and Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre school authorities 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 are aware that there will be no practicum in the public elementary schools, treatment facilities and school authorities named above on the dates specified. In terms of the one-day strike actions by ETFO support staff members at the above-named Catholic school boards, your Dean will need to check with these boards to ascertain whether or not schools will remain open and, accordingly, whether practicum may continue on those days.

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.

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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