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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:

- In addition to sanctions already in place, members of OSSTF in select bargaining units/schools in Ontario will be engaging in a one-day full withdrawal of services on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. The select bargaining units/schools that will be taking this strike action are listed in Appendix A, which accompanies this letter.

We have written to the Deans of Education, asking them to ensure that teacher candidates at your institution are informed about the impending strike action by OSSTF members and that they are aware that there will be no practicum on February 4 in secondary schools that are part of the public English-language boards listed in Appendix A. As previously communicated, there will also be no practicum in English Catholic school boards across the province on February 4 (including those listed on Appendix A) due to a one-day strike by members of OECTA. For the Francophone schools listed in Appendix A, your Dean will need to check with the appropriate boards to ascertain whether the practicum may continue on February 4 in those boards/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.

In an effort to avoid confusion about the many planned strike actions announced for next week, you will find on the following page a full summary of the strike actions by teachers that will have impact on practicum placements if a negotiated settlement is not reached prior to next week. 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 your fellow teacher candidates that they should not volunteer to take on activities from which teachers in their placement schools have refrained.**

Calendar of Potential Strike Activity Impacting Practicum Placements for the Week of February 3 - 7, 2020

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in the Bluewater, Grand Erie, Halton, Ontario North East, Renfrew County, Superior Greenstone and Trillium Lakelands school boards.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in 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.
- 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 the Lakehead, Lambton Kent, Thames Valley, Waterloo Region, York Region, Halton and Kawartha Pine Ridge school boards.
- One-day full withdrawal of services by OSSTF support staff members in the Thunder Bay Catholic, Waterloo Catholic and York 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 and Conseil scolaire Viamonde. **Faculties will need to check these boards to see if practicum may continue in the affected Francophone schools.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in the Kawartha Pine Ridge, Keewatin-Patricia, Lakehead, Near North, Ottawa-Carleton, Penetanguishene Protestant Separate, Rainy River, Simcoe County and Upper Canada school boards.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- One-day full withdrawal of services by all ETFO members across the province. **Faculties will need to check Catholic boards where ETFO support staff members are on strike to see if practicum may continue.**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- One-day full withdrawal of services by ETFO members in 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. **Faculties will need to check Catholic boards where ETFO support staff members are on strike to see if practicum may continue.**

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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