



October 30, 2022

Dear parent/guardian:

As you may be aware from news reports, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) has given notice of a full withdrawal of services on Friday, November 4th if an agreement is not reached during collective bargaining with the provincial government. We understand that this news is difficult and may be the source of stress among families and their children, particularly after the circumstances during the pandemic. However, please be aware that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) does not control the decisions regarding the strike or its remedy as negotiations rest centrally at the provincial level.

CUPE staff provide critical supports to students and ensure our schools operate safely. CUPE represents many valuable support staff working with our school communities including Education Assistants, Student Supervisors, Caretakers and Maintenance staff, School Secretaries, Child and Youth Workers, International Language Instructors, Adult English as a Second Language Instructors, and Technical staff. This strike action will affect all schools in Ontario and means CUPE members will not report to work.

To ensure the health, welfare, and safety of our students and staff, all TCDSB schools will be closed starting Friday, November 4th if there is a full withdrawal of services by CUPE.

Permits, Night School and Saturday Classes

With schools being closed, please note that all permits are cancelled; all night school and Saturday classes are cancelled; and all special events and excursions are also cancelled for the duration of the strike.

Child-Care

We are working with our child-care providers on a contingency plan and will communicate more information shortly.

Parents with school-aged children are encouraged to make alternate arrangements for their families.

We encourage you to review our board website at www.tcdsb.org or follow us @TCDSB on Twitter for any updates. As soon as we have new information to share, families will be informed by their school Principal and/or the Board directly.

We know this time will be challenging for our families and we pray that a negotiated settlement can be reached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan Browne".

Dr. Brendan Browne
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Kennedy".

Angela Kennedy
Chair of the Board