



*Office of the Director of Education  
Office of the Chair of the Board*

February 12, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We have just learned that the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) and the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), which represent Catholic elementary and secondary teachers as well as Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECes), will be engaged in a **one-day strike** on **Friday, February 21, 2020** unless an agreement is reached with the Province prior to that time.

The safety and well-being of our students is vitally important to us. Since there will be no teachers or ECEs in Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) schools for that day, the Board has no option but to **close all schools on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Parents are encouraged to make alternate arrangements for the supervision of their children. For parents of elementary students, please contact your local child care provider and before and after school care provider directly for information about how this may impact your service. For secondary students, SWAC and Co-Op classes scheduled for February 21 will also be cancelled. Permits for February 21<sup>st</sup> will proceed as scheduled.

The TCDSB will continue to provide updates through direct email to families as well as through social media <https://twitter.com/TCDSB> and the website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2020/Pages/LabourUpdate.aspx> as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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Rory McGuckin  
*Director of Education*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Martino".

Joe Martino  
*Chair of the Board*