



Office of the Director of Education

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Catholic Stakeholders:

You may have heard in the media that the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA), representing both elementary and secondary teachers in our Board, voted to approve strike action.

The holding of a strike vote to authorize job action by OECTA members is a normal part of the collective bargaining process. However, I do understand that this may be unsettling to parents and students. Please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Central bargaining is continuing between the province, unions and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), which represents Catholic school boards at the provincial table. We are not aware of any plans by OECTA to engage in the same type of job action currently occurring in selected public school boards in the province.

Our Board continues to support OCSTA and the Minister of Education's efforts to reach a negotiated settlement as the best way to avoid strikes and other labour disruptions.

The TCDSB remains determined to reach a fair, negotiated agreement, and value all our teachers as dedicated, caring professionals committed to student success.

Please rest assured that I will continue to keep parents and students informed and will ensure information is fully communicated to the TCDSB community should there be any developments affecting our schools.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education