



December 16, 2019

**RE: Possible secondary school closures in the event of a one-day, full strike by OSSTF on Wednesday, December 18**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) has been notified that members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) will join their colleagues across the province in a legal strike, involving a one-day full withdrawal of services, on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, unless a settlement is reached prior to this date.

Student safety is the top priority for the LKDSB. In our schools and across our system, OSSTF represents all secondary school teachers. A full strike would mean secondary teachers would not report to work and the LKDSB will not be able to safely operate our secondary schools.

**If a settlement is not reached and the one-day, full strike proceeds, secondary schools will be closed to students on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, and will reopen to students on Thursday, December 19, 2019.** Please continue to check the LKDSB website up to and including Wednesday morning for updates regarding whether secondary schools will be closed to students on Wednesday, December 18.

The LKDSB is hopeful a fair agreement can be reached, and the full strike action will be avoided.

In anticipation of the potential full strike action, all LKSSAA student athletic activities scheduled for Wednesday, December 18 have been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Schools will communicate information to students and parents/guardians about the rescheduled dates.

Please note: All elementary schools will be open to students on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

The LKDSB will update parents/guardians and all stakeholders through the LKDSB website as soon as new information becomes available. Please visit the LKDSB website ([www.lkdsb.net](http://www.lkdsb.net)) regularly for up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Howitt".

John Howitt  
Director of Education