

January 28, 2020

RE: Possible elementary school closures in the event of one-day, full strike actions by ETFO on Tuesday, February 4 and Thursday, February 6, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) was notified that members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), who are in a legal strike position, will engage in one-day strike actions (full withdrawal of services) on Tuesday, February 4 and Thursday, February 6, 2020, unless a settlement is reached prior to these dates.

If a provincial settlement is not reached and the one-day, legal strike actions proceed, elementary schools will be closed to students on the following dates:

- **Thursday, January 30, 2020**
- **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**
- **Thursday, February 6, 2020**

All secondary schools will be open to secondary students on these dates.

Please Note: Friday, January 31, 2020 is a scheduled Professional Activity Day (PA Day).

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

Please continue to check the LKDSB website up to and including the morning of the scheduled strike action dates for updates regarding whether elementary schools will be closed to students.

Due to anticipated school closures, families are strongly encouraged to explore alternate childcare arrangements. The LKDSB is hopeful a provincial agreement can be reached, and the full strike action will be avoided.

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) regularly for up-to-date information.

Sincerely,



John Howitt
Director of Education