



January 25, 2020

RE: Possible school closure to Grade 7-8 students in the event of a one-day, full strike by ETFO on January 30, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) was notified today (Saturday, January 25) that members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), who are in a legal strike position, will engage in a one-day strike (full withdrawal of services) on Thursday, January 30, 2020, 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, 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 note: In the event of a legal one-day strike, all elementary schools, including Ridgetown District High School's Grade 7-8 program, will be closed to students on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

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

Please note: All secondary schools will be open to secondary students only on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

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,

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

John Howitt
Director of Education