



May 14, 2021

**Subject: Strike Actions**

Dear SWLSB Families,

As indicated in previous communications, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier **Professionals' Union** (SWLP-SPPOQA) **will** exercise their **right to strike on Wednesday, May 19, from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.**

The Professionals' Union is currently not in a position to provide details of their strike action plans. At this point in time, we have received no official information that could enable us to ensure the safe and secure access to our buildings and centres.

While we are committed to providing educational services to our students, the safety and security of students and staff remains our priority. We recognize that there is no ideal solution to these unprecedented situations, but it is our responsibility to preserve and optimize pedagogical services to the fullest outside of strike hours.

Considering the elements mentioned above, please take note of the following plan for next **WEDNESDAY, MAY 19:**

- **Classes will be suspended** for all schools and centres **until 11:59 a.m.;**
- Since all stakeholders must respect picket lines, our buildings will be accessible to employees as of 12:00 p.m.;
- **Students remain at home for the full day;**
- **Online virtual classes for all students** (including the Virtual Campus and classes in isolation due to COVID) will begin **as of 12:15 p.m. according to their regular timetable, until the end of their regular school day;**
- Teachers will send their virtual classroom links to their students/parents in advance;
- **Daycares will be closed;**
- **Transportation will be cancelled.**

**OTHER UNION STRIKE**

We have also been informed by the Caretakers' union that the caretakers will be on strike **from Wednesday, May 26, at noon, until Thursday, May 27, at noon** (2 half-days).

You will receive more information about these strike dates next week.

We understand that these repetitive strike actions create inconveniences for all stakeholders. Although we are not at the negotiating table, the Council of Commissioners adopted a resolution at its April meeting to urge the Government to find common ground with all the provincial unions to conclude negotiations.

As strike actions evolve quickly, we will update you in a timely manner should there be any changes to the plan above.

We thank you for your continued patience.

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