



May 10, 2021

Subject: Strike actions

Dear SWLSB Families,

As indicated in previous communications, we wish to give you the latest updates available at this time.

Support Staff Strike

The Support Staff union will be exercising their right to strike this **Thursday, May 13, all day**. Support staff notably includes student supervisors, daycare educators, secretaries, attendants, special education technicians, office agents as well as technicians in schools, centres and departments.

We have been informed by the union that the strike actions will include **full picket lines (no crossing) in front of all schools, centres and at head office** throughout the day.

The school board respects the right to strike of unionized employees and remains committed to its educational mission. As such, it must preserve and optimize pedagogical services **outside of striking hours** (when the strike is not a full day). **This full day of strike action forces us to cancel all classes for our SWLSB student population, including online virtual classes offered during that day.** Though there is no ideal solution to these unprecedented situations, it is our responsibility to ensure the safety and security of all our stakeholders. As such, please take note of the following plan for this **Thursday, May 13**:

- **Although classes will be suspended for the entire day (including the Virtual Campus and isolated classes), teachers will ensure to assign work/homework for their students prior to May 13;**
- Since all stakeholders must respect picket lines, our **buildings will not be accessible** during the day on May 13;
- **Students and staff remain at home** for the full day;
- **Daycares will be closed;**
- **Transportation will be cancelled.**

Professionals' Strike

We also received another notice of strike from the Professionals' Union scheduled for **Wednesday, May 19**. We will provide you with the plan for this day as soon as we receive more details.

At its April 28 regular meeting, the Council of Commissioners adopted a resolution regarding these multiple strike actions and is urging the Government to find common grounds with all the provincial unions in order to conclude negotiations in a timely fashion.

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

Once again, we thank you for your continued patience and collaboration.

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