

Blackboard Connect Message – January 10, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)

Re: OECTA Labour Action, Notice to Families

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (also known as OECTA) is in a legal strike position. All teachers within the NCDSB are members of OECTA.

Effective Monday, January 13, 2020 OECTA will begin job action against the Ministry of Education and different school board initiatives. This initial labour job action is not intended to impact student learning. The impacts relate to the completion of student report cards, the administration of provincial assessments, and teacher participation in different meetings or professional activity day learning.

I can confirm at this time, that all NCDSB schools will remain open next week.

As well, our local OECTA unit has advised us that OECTA members will engage in an information picket outside of the schools on Monday, January 13. This means that parents, guardians, and stakeholders may be given information upon entry to school property. Please plan accordingly.

As new information becomes available, we will provide updates on our board website and use school-based communication strategies to keep you informed.

As a Catholic school board, we value all of our staff as dedicated, caring professionals, and we remain committed to the success of the negotiation process. We remain hopeful that a new central agreement will be reached soon with our teachers.