November 29, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been informed that the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (OSSTF) will be participating in a one-day province-wide full withdrawal of services on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, if a new collective agreement is not reached by that time.

In Bluewater District School Board, OSSTF members include secondary teachers and education workers (educational assistants, early childhood educators, office professionals and technicians, and professional student services personnel).

As a result of this latest escalation of job action, which would have an impact on both our elementary and secondary schools, we are putting our parents/guardians and families on notice that they may need to prepare for the possibility of these disruptions next Wednesday.

Our Strike Contingency Committee is reviewing the provincial job action from OSSTF to determine the full impact on our schools and facilities. A further update will be provided to parents/guardians by early next week.

The well-being and safety of all students and staff remains our top priority during these negotiations. We continue to closely monitor this job action, and are committed to sharing the most up-to-date information with you as it becomes available. All updates we provide are also being posted on our board website at the following link: www.bwdsb.on.ca/parents/Labour_Updates

We remain hopeful that a provincial collective agreement will be reached soon, and appreciate your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we continue to work through this situation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your school principal.

Sincerely,

Alana Murray
Director of Education