

January 15, 2020

Dear Elementary Parents/Guardians,

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has announced today that, should there be no progress in negotiations, its members will conduct a one-day walkout (full withdrawal of services) at a number of school boards, including the Toronto District School Board, on Monday, January 20, 2020. They will return to work on Tuesday, January 21.

Should the walkout take place, the TDSB would have no other option but to close all elementary schools (JK to 8) to students as there would not be sufficient supervision to ensure their safety. As a result, parents/guardians should begin making alternate arrangements for their children.

Childcare centres located in elementary schools will be permitted to stay open. Please contact the childcare provider directly for more information.

ETFO is in negotiations with the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) to achieve a new collective agreement for elementary teachers.

Should there be any significant updates, we will communicate directly with parents/guardians. As always, for ongoing labour updates, please visit the [TDSB website](https://www.tdsb.org) and follow [@tdsb](https://twitter.com/tdsb) on Twitter.

Sincerely,



Robin Pilkey
Chair of the Board



John Malloy
Director of Education