



February 4, 2020

Dear Givins/Shaw Community:

As you are aware, contract negotiations between the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Province of Ontario are ongoing. The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) is also involved in its own contract negotiations with the Province of Ontario.

With regards to the negotiations, there has been a lot of information, from many different sources and formats, available to parents and families and I can appreciate that it can be overwhelming. As I have mentioned at our School Council meetings, I would encourage you to go to the Toronto District School Board's website, [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) in order to read the most current information from the TDSB. It is the direction provided from the TDSB that will shape our actions here at Givins/Shaw. I have provided a link to the TDSB's Labour Negotiations Page, and the TDSB letter regarding Term 1 report cards and the February 14 interview day below.

As you will read in the TDSB letters, the schedule for the next few school days is as follows, but, of course, it is potentially subject to change if the contract negotiations are resolved:

- There will be no school for students on Thursday, February 6 or Friday, February 7
- Term 1 report cards are not being created and Principals will not be providing student marks for parents
- Grad Photos for Grade 6 students **will take place** on the morning of Thursday, February 13
- There are no longer family/student/teacher interview opportunities for the evening of Feb. 13
- Family/student/teacher interview opportunities are available between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Fri. Feb. 14 (no school for students) – Parents/Guardians are to connect with the teacher to arrange an interview time
- Mon. Feb. 17 – Family Day Holiday – no school for students
- Wed. Feb. 19 – School Council meeting at 6:15 p.m.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Labour-Negotiations>

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1413/Elementary-Update-on-IEPs-Report-Cards-Kindergarten-Communication-of-Learning-and-Parent-Teacher-Interviews>

Thanks again everyone,

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