



Monday, February 3, 2020

Important Update for Elementary Parents & Guardians: Elementary Schools Closed February 5 and 6

As a result of full withdrawal of service by elementary teachers in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, **all KPR elementary schools will be closed on Wednesday, February 5 and Thursday, February 6.**

Intermediate schools at secondary school sites **will also be closed** to students February 5-6 (Grades 7-8 only).

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The closure is in response to rotating strikes announced by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) if provincial-level negotiations did not result in a new agreement by the end of January. Since no agreement was reached by the weekend, ETFO has confirmed the strikes will proceed. In KPR ETFO's case, the elementary strikes will take place this Wednesday and Thursday.

As always, student safety is our first priority, and we cannot provide safe learning environments without our teachers.

We understand that these days have been extremely difficult and challenging for everyone, and we remain hopeful that the provincial issues can be resolved soon.

Before and after-school programs operating in KPR elementary schools may choose to offer full-day programming on these days, and we encourage families using these programs to check directly with the childcare operator. While there may be picketing at school sites, our local teachers' federation has indicated that parents accessing childcare facilities will not be delayed.

We are monitoring the provincial labour situation closely, and we remain committed to providing you with accurate and timely information as soon as possible, through School Messenger and our home page at kprschools.ca

Sincerely

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