



May 1, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of Extended Day Program:

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS REGISTERED IN THE EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You may be aware that the school district has acknowledged the possibility of labour disruption in elementary schools. Effective Sunday, May 10, 2015, all elementary teachers in the province of Ontario will be in a legal strike position. This includes elementary teachers and occasional teachers with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. A strike may include any labour action including work to rule or partial withdrawal of service, up to and including a full withdrawal of service. A strike cannot happen unless the union provides five days advance notice. Please note that the staff who work in the Extended Day Program are not part of the elementary teachers' union and therefore will not be in a legal strike position.

Many parents of children enrolled in the Extended Day Program have inquired about the continued operation of the program in the event of labour disruption. At this time, the school district believes that the Extended Day Program would continue to operate as usual for all students currently registered in the program. There have also been inquiries about the possible expansion of the hours of operation and specifically whether the program could run as a full-day program. The school district is currently exploring this possibility and will provide more information to parents of students registered in the program, as soon it becomes available.

Regular updates about labour relations are posted on the District website and to the OCDSB's Facebook and Twitter accounts(@ocdsb). In addition your Extended Day Program supervisor will keep your school community informed. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Eleanor Heap, Manager, Early Years at [eleanor.heap@ocdsb.ca](mailto:eleanor.heap@ocdsb.ca) or [613-596-8760](tel:613-596-8760).

Your ongoing understanding is greatly appreciated.

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