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Dear Parents, guardians, and families,

I hope you had a restful winter break and appreciate all that you've done to support your children settling back into their learning routines.

We are writing to inform you that CUPE Local 3550, representing support staff in schools, has served the Division with 72-hour strike notice. This means that support staff will commence strike action on Monday, January 13, 2025.

While the Division has been served with strike notice, we remain committed to reaching an agreement with CUPE Local 3550 and have indicated our willingness to get back to the bargaining table.

**Who is on strike**

CUPE Local 3550 represents a wide range of support staff who work directly with students and in our schools and central departments, including, but not limited to:

- Administrative assistants
- Administrative assistant mentors
- Clerks
- Educational assistants
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- Food preparers
- Interpreters
- Library technicians
- Licensed practical nurses
- Speech language pathology assistants
- Supply educational assistants
- Technicians



**Picket lines**

We understand that CUPE Local 3550 will be establishing picket lines at all Edmonton Public Schools locations, starting Monday. Please anticipate potential congestion during drop-off and pick-up times and plan accordingly.

**Impact on school operations**

We understand this strike action will be disruptive and impact school operations. Please be assured that we are actively working towards a resolution. Schools have contingency plans to ensure that learning continues and we are working diligently to support the safety of students. Schools have already been in contact with the families of students who may be moving to at-home learning to support safety. If you have questions about your individual circumstances, I encourage you to reach out directly to your child's school.

**Stay informed**

We encourage you to check SchoolZone and [epsb.ca](http://epsb.ca) regularly for updates. We will share information as it becomes available.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this situation. We are dedicated to providing a positive and supportive learning environment for students and will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,



Darrel Robertson  
Superintendent of Schools