

November 5, 2024

Dear parents, guardians and families,

I am writing to let you know that we have received information that CUPE Local 3550, representing support staff, will be holding informational picket lines outside of schools every Wednesday morning (with the exception of November 13), before school starts, beginning this Wednesday, November 6. Staff who are participating in the informational picket lines will report to work as scheduled.

This does not mean that CUPE Local 3550 is on strike. The Division understands that the information picket lines are a way for support staff to share information with the public. We respect the right of CUPE Local 3550 to express their views through information picket lines.

Based on the information we have received, the informational picket lines will be present before school starts. Schools remain open and classes will continue as scheduled. As you are aware, the morning drop-off at school is typically a busy time, so you may wish to give yourself additional time for student drop off in the morning; we appreciate your patience.

I want to assure you that we are continuing to work through the Disputes Inquiry Board (DIB) process with CUPE Local 3550 and remain committed to reaching a negotiated agreement without a work stoppage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal.

Sincerely,



Darrel Robertson
Superintendent of Schools