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CLASSES FOR ALL IN-PERSON LEARNERS RESUME ON MONDAY

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your ongoing patience with the job action impacting our schools as a result of the status of bargaining at the provincial level.

Today, we reached out to all of our union and federation partners for an update. At this time, our custodial and maintenance employees represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) will continue their withdrawal of services into next week, unless a resolution is reached provincially over the weekend.

Our Educational Assistants, represented by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), are engaged in their day of protest today and, at this time, they have indicated to us that they will be back in the classroom as of Monday.

There is a possibility with our labour partners that their status may change depending on what is happening at the provincial level. We continue to monitor the situation and will respond accordingly.

Based on current information, **classes for in-person learners at all Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island will resume on Monday, November 7, 2022.** Should there be any changes over the weekend, we will share information with you as soon as possible.

It is our hope that the parties at the provincial level may reach a resolution. Should matters beyond our control lead to more disruptions, parents/guardians may wish to make alternative childcare arrangements as a contingency plan.

We recognize that provincial negotiations have created challenges for all of us locally, especially for our parents/guardians and students. As always, we thank you for your continued understanding as we respond to this fluid situation.

For labour updates, please visit rainbowschools.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Bourget".

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education