

Preparing for Potential Teacher Strike on October 6

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EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear ECSD Families.

As we shared earlier this week, teachers across Alberta have voted against the tentative agreement between the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) and the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA). Unless a new agreement is reached, teachers will begin strike action on Monday, October 6. 2025.

What this Means for ECSD Families

We understand this may be challenging for families and staff as we prepare for the possibility of job action.

If the teacher strike begins on Monday, October 6:

- All classes will be cancelled.
- Students will not attend school in person or online.
- Principals, assistant principals, and teachers will not be at school.
- There will be no teaching, supervision, or extracurricular activities.
- Teachers will not be providing instruction, homework packages, or learning materials during the strike.
- There is no yellow bus transportation.

To prepare for the possibility of a strike:

- Make alternate childcare plans if required starting Monday, October 6.
- If your child attends a childcare program in an ECSD school, check with the provider to see if it will stay open and extend their hours.
- Make sure your child brings home any personal items or materials you feel they may need on Friday, October 3, in case classes are cancelled.

Supports from the Government of Alberta

The Government of Alberta has announced supports for families during a strike. Visit <u>alberta.ca/parent-supports-during-school-closure</u> for details.

How You'll Know if the Strike Starts

We remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached without disruption to teaching and learning. Talks between the ATA and TEBA may occur between now and Monday.

Families will be informed if classes are cancelled starting Monday, October 6, in the following ways:

- Visit <u>ecsd.net/labourupdate</u>.
- Watch for an email over the weekend with any updates.
- Look for a text message from ECSD at 6:30 AM on Monday, October 6.

Edmonton Catholic Schools is not part of the bargaining process. We are preparing for job action and will keep you informed.

We value our teachers and all staff and the important role they play in our school communities. We remain hopeful for a resolution and will continue to share updates as they are available.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Anderson Chief Superintendent