
Student Supports Available During Labour Disruption

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EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear ECSD Families,

As the labour disruption continues into its third week, we want to acknowledge how difficult this time has been for students, families, and staff.

We remain committed to supporting your child's well-being, and Mental Health Therapists (MHTs) are still working and available at school sites to provide support.

If your child needs [mental health support](#), please contact your school. Staff can help connect you with available services. Families may also access:

- Free, confidential in-person or virtual therapy for students ages 11 to 25 through mykickstand.ca
- 24/7 support from Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 or kidshelpphone.ca

Additional Supports for Families

The Government of Alberta is offering financial support through the [Parent Payment Program](#) for families with children aged 12 and under. Families with active Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) agreements are also eligible. To apply, you will need your child's [Alberta Student Number \(ASN\)](#), which can be found in [PowerSchool](#). The address used to register your child must match the address on your government-issued ID.

To learn more or to apply, visit alberta.ca/parent-supports-during-school-closure.

Diploma Exams and Provincial Achievement Tests

Due to instructional disruptions, Alberta Education has made the November 2025 diploma exams optional. Students may choose whether to write. Those who do not write will receive a final mark based solely on their teacher-assigned grade. This will not affect graduation or post-secondary applications. Exams will still be held on scheduled dates. **At this time, January and June diploma exams and provincial achievement tests will continue as planned.**

We know this disruption has placed a strain on many families. We will continue to share updates as they become available. We will email you directly and post updates to our website, ecsd.net/labourupdate.

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