

Superior-Greenstone District School Board

UPDATE



June 12, 2015

Report Card

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Superior-Greenstone District School Board is very proud of our education system. We continue to focus our efforts on Achieving Excellence in our identified Strategic Goals:

- Student Achievement and Well Being
- Responsible Stewardship of Resources
- Building Relationships

A key to achieving this vision is strong communication between the parent/guardian and the teacher. Strong teacher-parent communications would typically include a clear and fully documented final report card. We regret that, due to current labour actions as part of a legal strike by the Elementary Teachers of Ontario Federation of Ontario (ETFO), a normal report card will not be available for your child. As an alternative, you will receive a report card with marks and no comments. The junior kindergarten report card will have one comment as there are no letter grades or marks. Every effort is being made to have the report card out a week in advance of the last day of school to provide parents an opportunity to speak with the classroom teacher if they have any questions related to the progress of their child.

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding.

David Tamblyn
Director of Education,
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May 29, 2015

EQAO Grade 3 & 6 Provincial Assessment

Parents/Guardians:

As a result of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) work to rule campaign launched on Monday May 11, 2015, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has announced that it will not be administering the grade 3 and grade 6 standardized provincial assessments for school boards experiencing labour action. This includes all elementary schools in the Superior-Greenstone District School Board.

As a result of this announcement the EQAO Grade 3 & 6 provincial assessments that were scheduled to commence June 1st 2015 have been postponed indefinitely.

We are grateful the work to rule campaign has had little impact on the day to day operation of our schools. Teachers continue to teach and provide extra help to students. Teachers also continue to maintain contact with parents regarding students during the instructional day and will provide supervisory duties at their school.

If you have questions, or want to know what is happening in Superior-Greenstone board schools related to negotiations:

- Look for updates on **social media**—follow @SGDSBoard on Twitter.
- Or visit the Superior-Greenstone board website at **www.SGDSB.on.ca**

We continue to have confidence in the professionalism of our teachers throughout this negotiation process, and we value their work with our students. We remain hopeful that an agreement can be reached shortly.

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding.

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LABOUR UPDATE

As at May 8, 2015



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NOTICE TO FAMILIES OF SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DSB STUDENTS

May 8, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of SGDSB Elementary Students:

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) will begin labour action in public elementary schools across Ontario on Monday, May 11, 2015. We are providing this update for information on how this situation may affect your child.

It is important for Parents/Guardians to know that:

- All Superior-Greenstone District School Board elementary schools will be OPEN as normal on Monday, May 11, 2015,
- School activities such as field trips, sports and extracurricular activities are expected to be unchanged,
- Community Use of Schools permits will not be impacted.

We will continue to keep you informed as we monitor the situation and its impact on students. As new information becomes available, we will ensure that appropriate communication occurs through a number of venues including:

- Social media—follow @SGDSBoard on Twitter,
- Our website at <http://www.sgdsb.on.ca>,
- Questions can be e-mailed to update <http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/article/contact-19.asp>.

As a Board, we respect our elementary teachers and value their work with students. We remain committed to reaching fair, negotiated agreements with all of our employee groups.

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Pinky McRae
Chairperson of the Board

David Tamblyn
Director of Education

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LABOUR UPDATE

As at May 6, 2015



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May 6, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of SGDSB Elementary Students:

We thought it would be valuable and timely to share this brief note updating our parents on the status of provincial labour negotiations, specifically with respect to our elementary teachers.

Bargaining and dialogue between the province and unions representing teachers and school support staff has been underway since the new year. Contracts have expired and are currently being bargained, as outlined in legislation, between the province, unions, and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), which represents public school boards at the provincial table.

As part of this process, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) are in a legal job action position as of Monday, May 11, 2015. It is our understanding that teachers will begin an administrative work to rule campaign at that time.

It is important for you to know that:

- schools in our Board will be OPEN as normal on Monday
- school activities such as field trips, sports and extracurricular activities are expected to be unchanged

Planned teacher job actions are expected to include: not performing duties related to the EQAO test, not filling in for Principals when asked, and/or not participating in professional development activities that are provincially directed.

We continue to have confidence in the professionalism of our teachers throughout the negotiation process, and we value their work with students. We remain hopeful that an agreement can be reached soon.

Parents are valued partners in a child's education. We will provide any new information or updates as they arise, which will also be available on our website: www.sgdsb.on.ca or by following us on Twitter@SGDSBoard.

Sincerely,

Pinky McRae
Chairperson of the Board

David Tamblyn
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