



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

Believing, Achieving, Serving

November 4, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, as a result of labour disruption, elementary and secondary schools within the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board were closed to students today for in-school learning. We regret very much the impact these circumstances have on students, families and our staff. We are as well extremely disappointed that we are currently unable to provide with certainty the status of the labour dispute for Monday and beyond. Saying that, system and school staff have been working extremely hard to develop contingency plans for next week. The focus of these plans remains on student learning and well-being.

For **Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8, 2022**, all schools of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will continue with **online learning which will include some synchronous instruction**. We continue to discuss and review contingencies beyond November 8th and will communicate those plans with you no later than Monday, November 7th.

Please be aware of the following:

Elementary & Secondary Schools

Schools are closed to students on Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Synchronous learning will be provided. Parents/guardians are asked to contact their child's principal on Monday, November 7th if they are in need of a device. Parents/guardians are urged to report any absences in Safe Arrival. Unless there is an urgent need, we ask that you refrain from contacting the school to pick up a personal belonging. All after-hours programming and student activities will be cancelled. CYO games on Saturday, November 5 will proceed as scheduled; CYO activities on Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8 will be rescheduled.

Transportation

Student transportation will be cancelled on Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8.

Virtual School / Virtual Programs

The HWCDSB Virtual School and all virtual programming will continue as per regular practice.

Secondary Athletics

Due to facility commitments and potential conflicts with Regional and Provincial championships, secondary athletic games will proceed as scheduled.

Community Use of Schools/Third party leases/Community partnerships

Community Use of School permits and third party leases will continue to be supported.

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Social Work Services

Social Work Services will not be available during the labour disruption. Should your child/youth be in immediate crisis, please contact COAST (905-972-8338) or 911 or attend McMaster Children's Hospital Emergency Department. [Learn more about community-based child and youth mental health and counselling agencies.](#)

Childcare/EarlyON

All in-school childcare centres and EarlyON Child and Family Centres will be open Monday to Friday during regular operating hours.

The Ministry of Education has provided the following direction to childcare operators regarding Before and After Programming: *Due to CUPE's actions, before and after school programs serving Kindergarten and school age students are not permitted to operate full day programs on instructional days. This includes days when remote instruction is provided and schools are closed to in-person instruction.*

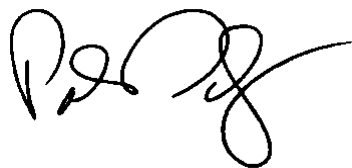
St. Charles Adult & Continuing Education

St. Charles Centres will remain open and regular adult programming will operate as usual. After-hours programming, including Night School, ILC credit programs and International Languages, will continue to run.

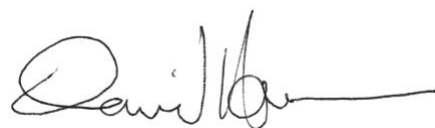
We know that these complex and challenging times impact our students, their families and our staff. We pray, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, that a quick and fair resolution is found to the current differences.

Updates will be posted on the board website at <https://www.hwcdsb.ca/labourupdates/>.

Yours very truly,



Patrick J. Daly
Chairperson, Board of Trustees



David Hansen
Director of Education