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Dear elementary school students, parents and guardians,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year; I trust that you had a safe and enjoyable summer.

I am writing to provide an update regarding labour issues affecting education across Ontario. As you may know, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Provincial continues to be in a legal strike position. At this time, this job action will not significantly disrupt classroom instruction in our elementary schools and teachers may continue to volunteer for extra-curricular activities. The job action by ETFO Provincial includes:

- not planning or participating in class field trips during the instructional day;
- not participating in open houses, such as meet-the-teacher events, outside the instructional day; and
- not participating in fundraising activities or collecting monies from students.

I appreciate that this is disappointing news for all involved. During this job action our elementary schools remain open and classes continue.

We will provide additional updates as more information becomes available. You can find updates and information about labour issues on the Board website: www.yrdsb.ca. You may also follow our Twitter account for more immediate updates: [@yrdsb](https://twitter.com/yrdsb).

As always, we continue to have your child's safety, well-being and achievement foremost in mind.

Sincerely,

J. Parappally
Director of Education