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Dear AMDSB Families,

On November 28, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) announced that, should a tentative agreement not be reached, its members (teachers and education workers) will conduct a one-day walkout (full withdrawal of services) on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 and return to work on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

Should there be a walkout on December 4, the AMDSB would have no other option but to close all schools to students as there would not be sufficient supervision to ensure their safety. This would include all AMDSB schools (both elementary and secondary). All of our office staff who do safe arrival, Educational Assistants, Professional Student Services Personnel and our secondary teachers, as well as other support team staff (see list below) belong to this bargaining unit. Any out-of-school activities (e.g. field trips, sports, etc.), including Co-op placements would also be cancelled on that day. As a result, parents/guardians should make alternate arrangements for their children if this one-day strike goes ahead.

Adult credit programs provided by the Centre for Employment & Learning will be cancelled but all other services (such as Employment services and non-credit ESL classes) will continue and sites will remain open.

Child care and Early ON programming within schools will continue to operate. All day programming for school-aged children (similar to what is provided on PA Days) may be offered at the discretion of the child care provider. Parents are asked to connect with the child care provider directly to confirm their services they may provide.

At this time, Community Use of Schools permits will continue. In the event of a change, notice to permit holders will be provided via the normal practice.

OSSTF is in negotiations with the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) to achieve new collective agreements for secondary teachers and education workers (in AMDSB, this includes Educational Assistants, Designated Early Childhood Educators, Child and Youth Care Workers, school office clerical staff, Technical Resource Assistants, Information Technology support, Speech and Language Pathologists, Psychometrists, Mental Health Leads, and Attendance Counsellors).

Please remember to visit our website at yourschools.ca for regular updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lisa Walsh'.

Dr. Lisa Walsh
Director of Education and Secretary of the Board