April 23, 2015

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FAMILIES:
Strike by secondary teachers on April 27, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF – District 3) has notified us that their members - secondary teachers and secondary occasional teachers - may begin legal strike action on Monday, April 27, 2015, which is a Professional Activity Day.

We ask that all students bring home any learning resources or other items they may wish from their lockers at the end of the school day on Friday, April 24, 2015.

How will you know if there is school on Tuesday, April 28, 2015?
We will communicate any possible labour disruption to students and parents/guardians through the news media and the Board website. Updates will be posted at rainbowschools.ca.

Should a full withdrawal of services occur, we remind students and parents/guardians that all instructional programs for Grades 9 to 12 will be cancelled and all Rainbow secondary schools will be closed to students. Please note that students will not be able to access the school to obtain items from their lockers.

Extra-curricular activities, field trips, school events and Co-operative Education / OYAP placements will be cancelled for the duration of the strike. Dual credits will continue at Cambrian College. Buses for secondary students will not operate. Buses will continue their routes for elementary students only.

In the event of a strike, we encourage students to continue their learning through self-directed study. Resources will be available through the Rainbow District School Board website at rainbowschools.ca.

See the attached list of learning resources, logins and passwords for students.

We value our secondary teachers and the work they do with students.
We continue to negotiate and are committed to reaching a local settlement.
We thank you, and your children, for your patience.

Sincerely,

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education