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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS: CUPE JOB ACTION WITH RESPECT TO PROVINCIAL BARGAINING

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), which represents our cleaners, custodians and maintenance staff, has advised school boards across Ontario that its members will engage in a full withdrawal of services Friday, November 4, 2022.

This job action is in response to the status of bargaining at the provincial level.

Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island will remain open on Friday. We have been advised that CUPE will not picket schools.

While we remain hopeful that a provincial resolution will be achieved, parents/guardians are encouraged to make alternative childcare arrangements should job action continue.

Please be assured that we are monitoring the situation closely and will share more information with you as it becomes available.

For questions regarding school-based childcare, please contact your service provider.

For labour updates, please visit rainbowschools.ca.

We value our Facilities staff and the services they provide in our schools.

We acknowledge that this is a challenging situation and thank you and your children for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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