

September 29, 2025

### **Important Message Regarding Upcoming Teacher Strike**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the outcome of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) vote on the recent Memorandum of Agreement. The results of the vote, which concluded on Monday, September 29, 2025, indicate that the agreement has been rejected by ATA members.

Although the exact nature of labour action can change, it is understood that the ATA will be initiating strike action on Monday October 6th, 2025.

#### **What this means for our school communities:**

- All classes will be cancelled beginning on October 6 until further notice.
- Students will not attend school in person or online.
- There will be no instruction, supervision, or extracurricular activities.

This is a difficult and challenging time for everyone in our school community. We know that this news creates significant disruption for your family in terms of childcare and daily routines. Please begin to make alternate childcare arrangements as needed.

While Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) does not play a direct role in negotiations, we want to express our support for our teachers. Their decision to strike was not made lightly. We know that EICS teachers maintain a deep commitment to ensuring a strong and sustainable publicly funded Catholic education system for their students, a goal we all share.

You can expect another communication later this week with a Q and A that should address many of your questions. Please continue to check your email and the [division website](#) for the latest information.

Thank you for your understanding and for being a valued part of our school community.

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