



Important Notice

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Dear Students and Families,

As you may have seen in the news, the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) who represents various federal labour unions including the teachers, has publicly announced that if they are not able to reach an agreement with Treasury Board on a new collective agreement for all PSAC members by 9:00 p.m. this evening, PSAC will be recommending a general strike for all PSAC members beginning on **Wednesday, April 19th**.

This is relevant to the students and families as the federal teaching staff at Quinte Mohawk School are members of the PSAC.

If this strike occurs, all Federal Schools including QMS will be closed to students.

We know this is not welcomed news, and we understand the impact this will have on families. Without the federal teaching staff in our schools, we could not ensure safe conditions for students. The decision to close schools to students is a difficult one but required for overall student safety and security.

Negotiations will continue today and up until 9:00pm between PSAC and Treasury Board and our hope is that they reach an agreement and disruption for students and families is avoided.

For latest information regarding status of federal schools, please refer to the **QMS Facebook** page where we will be updating as we know more information.

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience this may cause students and their families. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

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