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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As was previously announced, on Tuesday, January 21st all elementary and secondary schools in the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board will be closed and buses cancelled due to strike action by OECTA (representing our elementary, secondary and occasional teachers) and OSSTF (representing educational assistants, designated early childhood educators, office & clerical and maintenance staff). All classes will resume on Wednesday, January 22nd.

Following this one-day strike, OECTA will continue with its previously announced job action, which includes some withdrawal of services. In addition, we received notice from OSSTF that phase two of their job action will begin today, which includes the withdrawal of additional services.

Although we remain hopeful that all sides can work together constructively to reach fairly negotiated agreements, we do want our families to be prepared for the potential of continued job action in the coming weeks. Job action can include withdrawal of service, work-to-rule campaigns, labour disruptions and strike action. We are committed to keeping our families informed throughout this difficult situation. We also encourage you to check our website at [smcdsb.on.ca](http://smcdsb.on.ca) under the labour updates section for more information.

Yours in Faith,

Brian Beal  
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