



Umbrella Family and Child Centres of Hamilton

January 27, 2020

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has announced a one-day strike on Friday, January 31 unless progress is made at the central bargaining table. This one-day strike will affect the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) and the Umbrella Programs located within HWDSB schools.

In December 2019, we asked parents/caregivers to complete and submit a “**Strike Care Registration Form**” which provided rates and alternate locations for your Kindergarten/School Age child in the event of a strike (single and/or consecutive days). Using the information provided, the **Umbrella will be offering full day programs at the following locations to those families who pre-registered for strike care:**

SITES OPEN FOR STRIKE CARE:	RECEIVING KINDERGARTEN/SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN FROM:
Ancaster Meadow	Gordon Price
Cathy Wever	--
Dundana	Balaclava, Dundas Central, Spencer Valley
Gatestone	Bellmoore, Michaelle Jean, Shannen Koostachin
Hillcrest	Glen Echo
Lawfield	Mountview, Queensdale
Lincoln Alexander	--
Ray Lewis	Helen Detwiler, James MacDonald, Mount Hope
Sir Wilfrid Laurier	Elizabeth Bagshaw, Sir Isaac Brock
Templemead	Rosedale
Winona	Eastdale, Memorial, Mountain View

NOTE: There will be no change to our current full day programs (e.g. toddler/preschool).

Account credits or charges for strike care day(s) will be processed no later than the end of the following month in which a strike (single and/or consecutive days) occurs.

We understand the stress that a work disruption has on our families. We continue to work with our partners at the School Board and remain hopeful that a new agreement will be reached and there will be no impact to your childcare. Please visit our website at www.umbrellafamily.com for updates as they become available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your site’s Supervisor or Program Leader.

Thank you.

Darryl Hall
Executive Director

VISION: Thriving Children, Competent Youth, Responsible Citizens.

MISSION: We are a leading childcare organization committed to high quality programs that are inclusive, accessible and promote learning and growth.

CORE VALUES: Caring, Collaboration, Enrichment, Respect, Trust

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