

November 3, 2022

Dear Families,

We are writing to update you that **HWDSB schools will be open on Friday, November 4, 2022.**

This afternoon, talks have ended between the Government of Ontario and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). In HWDSB, CUPE represents about 500 caretakers and maintenance workers.

The Government of Ontario passed Bill 28, [Keeping Students in Class Act 2022](#). In response to this unprecedented legislation, CUPE has announced that they intend to picket on Friday, November 4. This means that CUPE members may not report to work.

As we previously advised on [October 30](#), **HWDSB will implement a Contingency Plan and assign additional staff to keep schools open while it is safe for students.**

Visit [HWDSB Labour Updates](#) to learn what is open, cancelled, and how Child Care and Before-and-After-School providers are impacted.

The situation continues to evolve. Should the labour protests continue beyond Friday, we will notify you by this Sunday if we need to close schools to in-person learning on Monday, November 7.

We may need to contact you before or during the school day, or over the weekend related to these labour updates.

Thank you for your understanding during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini
Director of Education