

October 1, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As shared earlier this week, the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) has voted not to ratify the proposed Memorandum of Agreement. With 89.5% of teachers voting against, a full province-wide strike is currently planned to begin on Monday, October 6, 2025.

This is a reminder of what this means for our Division should the strike occur:

- Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12: All classes will be suspended for the duration of the strike.
- Transportation: Suspended for the duration of the strike. Please do not send your children to school or to their bus stop. Staff will not be on site to provide supervision, support, or services, and buses will not be running.
- Extracurricular activities: Suspended for the duration of the strike.
- Learning materials: Teachers will not provide students with learning materials and/or academic support during the strike. Please review the information below for details on the Government of Alberta's support programs.
- Childcare arrangements: Please ensure you have alternate childcare in place beginning October 6 and for the duration of the strike.
- Student belongings: Ask your children to bring home any personal items they may need on Friday, October 3. This includes technology, water bottles, clothing, food containers, and any medication stored at the school office. Schools will remain closed to students until the strike ends.
- Daycares in schools: Independent daycare providers operating within GSACRD schools will continue their regular operations.

We understand that this creates uncertainty and challenges for families, and we appreciate your efforts in making necessary childcare and household arrangements during this time. When the strike ends, please be prepared for short notice about the return date.



## **Government of Alberta Supports**

Because GSACRD is a publicly funded separate school division, families are eligible for the provincial supports being offered:

- Parent Learning Toolkit
- Parent Payment Program
- Child Care Supports

For full details, please visit: [Parent Supports During School Closure](#).

## **Staying Connected**

- GSACRD Labour Update webpage — <https://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/labour-update>
- SchoolMessenger notifications - ensure you are subscribed to receive direct updates from the Division and your school.

As we enter this new and uncertain chapter, we continue to face it together as a Catholic educational community. We are grateful for the strength, resilience, and support of our families, staff, and students, and we remain committed to keeping you informed as this situation develops.

Sincerely,  
Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools