



September 30, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On September 29, the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) announced that 89.5% of teachers voted to reject the Memorandum of Understanding for a new collective agreement. Unless a new agreement is reached, a province-wide teacher strike is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 6, 2025, affecting 61 public, separate, and francophone school boards, including GSACRD.

If the strike begins, at this time, the ATA has indicated that there will be a complete withdrawal of services:

- No classes or instruction (in-person or online) will take place.
- No supervision or extracurricular activities will be available.
- No bus transportation will run; please do not send children to bus stops.
- Teachers, principals, and assistant principals will be on strike and unavailable through email, phone, or digital platforms.

To prepare, we ask that students bring home personal items over Thursday and Friday, including food containers, water bottles, clothing, and personal devices. Parents may also check the lost and found and pick up student medications directly if needed during the strike. If circumstances change, we will be sure to update families and staff accordingly.

How you'll receive updates:

- The [GSACRD Labour Update webpage](#) is regularly updated with information and FAQs.
- SchoolMessenger notifications - direct messages from the Division and your school. Please make sure you are subscribed.

We recognize the uncertainty this creates for families and appreciate your patience and understanding. Our commitment is to keep you informed promptly as the situation evolves.



We are grateful beyond measure for the courage, resilience, and commitment of our teachers, students, families, and staff. Please be assured that we walk this road together in faith, hope, and prayer. In these days ahead, let us hold fast to the strength of community, lift one another in encouragement, and trust in the Holy Spirit to guide our steps.

Sincerely,  
Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools