



York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Families of York Catholic District School Board,

Thank you for your support and understanding as we respond to the provincial CUPE labour negotiations. The health, safety and well-being of our students and staff will always be our greatest priority.

At this time, it is uncertain how long the labour negotiations between CUPE and the Government of Ontario will continue. As such, we are working on a plan to safely resume providing instruction to our students.

Unless there is an agreement reached between CUPE and the Government of Ontario over the weekend, **starting on Monday, November 7, 2022, and for the balance of any further job action by CUPE, York Catholic will move to synchronous virtual learning.** You will receive instructions from your child's school/teacher on how to join your virtual class.

During the pandemic, we learned that virtual learning has different impacts on our students. Know that we are committed to ensuring that all children have access to their classroom instruction.

For that reason, no assessments will be conducted over the next several days for students who are usually in-person learners. Families of students who cannot participate in virtual learning due to not being able to access the necessary technology are asked to reach out to their school for work packages that can be completed asynchronously over the coming days. Schools will coordinate with families that need to borrow a device.

We will continue to provide updates to families via email, the YCDSB website and YCDSB Twitter account.

We understand that the move to virtual learning will be challenging for many families and York Catholic is committed to working with you during this time. Please join us in continuing to pray for a freely negotiated agreement that will allow our students to return to the classroom.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Domenic Scuglia".

Domenic Scuglia
Director of Education

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