

KINGS COUNTY ACADEMY

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Dear Families at Home,

The AVRSB has been sharing the general impacts of the possible upcoming labour disruption and I know you have been anxiously waiting for how KCA students and families will be impacted. Student safety and security will not be compromised. Student supervision is in place at all times just as it has been in the past.

Below is a list of changes in our routines as of Monday, December 5th should the work-to-rule be in place:

- The building will not be open to students until 7:40 AM and all students will need to be out of the building by 2:35 PM. We will have supervision on the playground beginning at 7:35 AM when our first bus arrives, but this is only meant for bus students. All other students should not arrive before 7:40. At the end of the day, students will be supervised until 2:35 when our last three buses are loaded and dismissed. In cases where a bus is late or where an emergency occurs, administration will remain to handle the safety and security of the students impacted. If students miss their bus at the end of the day, families will be required to arrange transportation home. This will also be the case if a student has to be returned to school in situations where a parent/guardian is not there to meet them.
- Paige, Doug, and Myrna will continue to operate the breakfast program, but it will only begin at 7:40 AM and will be operating with only easy to prepare, "grab-and-go" items.
- We will continue to use the Alert system to notify parents of unexcused absences.
- If sending money to school, please direct your child to bring it to the office and not to their classroom teacher.
- Our concerts have all been cancelled, including the P-5 day-time performance. Band students will not be performing their small group concerts in the community.
- Families should send students with lunches that are easy to open and manage and that do not require use of a microwave. Students will still be safely supervised, there just will not be enough adult hands to help with opening things and heating items.
- The school will not be collecting food bank items. Families are encouraged to drop items directly off at our local food bank located behind St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 50 Belcher Street, Kentville. Items collected to date will be dropped off today.
- Community events, Kentville after-school programs, and community sport organizations that run out of the school will continue.
- December 21 was originally scheduled to be an early dismissal. It will be a full day of school for students and staff.

Again, I want to emphasize that the safety and security of students is always of paramount concern for the staff of KCA. We continue to keep this at the forefront of all we do and we truly appreciate your cooperation as we wait for a resolution to this labour disruption.

Sincerely,

Mike Ouellette