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It has been a challenging week for our school district. On Wednesday, our elementary teachers union undertook a one-day walkout as part of their legal strike action.

I would like to thank parents and community members who worked together to find childcare solutions when our elementary schools were closed to students. We also appreciate that the union provided sufficient notice to inform the parent community, made us aware of the picket sites and ensured that the picket lines were respectful. We were pleased to return to our focus on classroom instruction on Thursday.

Looking forward to next week, we are entering the last week of school before the holiday break. We expect all schools to be open with regular classroom instruction for all students. Strike sanctions continue for employees in both elementary and secondary schools and administration sites as outlined below.

- Members will continue to deliver curriculum and ensure students are safe;
- Support staff will report at the beginning of their scheduled hours and leave immediately thereafter;
- Volunteer duties and/or extra-curricular activities will NOT be undertaken;
- Teachers will communicate with parents during the school day, but not before or after school;
- Secondary teachers will not provide additional support to students outside of regular class time; and
- Secondary teachers will report to work 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the school day and will leave 15 minutes after the end of the school day;

Today, we extend our thoughts and condolences to the families and school community in Connecticut affected by tragedy. Over the coming days, as we learn more about this unfortunate incident, we can anticipate questions from children and adults in our community. The [KidsHelpPhone](#) has shared a resource which parents may find helpful if their children are asking questions about the tragedy. [Click here to read the article](#)

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, do not hesitate to email me at director@ocdsb.ca.

Sincerely

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