

Memorandum



Date: October 1, 2025

To: Prairie Land School Community

From: Cam McKeage, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: School Closures – October 6, 2025

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) has announced that its members will begin strike action on Monday, October 6, 2025, after rejecting the tentative agreement reached in provincial negotiations. This decision will directly affect all Prairie Land schools.

What Families Need to Know

- **Schools Closed:** All Prairie Land schools will be closed to students beginning October 6 and will remain closed until further notice.
- **Instruction Paused:** This is not a shift to at-home or online learning. All in-person and online classroom instruction will pause for the duration of the strike.
- **Principals and Teachers Away:** All certificated staff, including teachers and school administrators, will be part of the strike and therefore not at work.
- **Activities Suspended:** All school-based sports, clubs, and extra-curricular programs that require certificated staff for supervision, coaching, or coordination will be suspended. This includes athletic competitions, as schools will not be able to meet both Prairie Land's and School Sport Alberta's supervision requirements during the strike.
- **Family Resource Worker (FRW) Supports:** FRWs will continue to support students and families during the strike. This support will take place through online meetings, with FRWs maintaining regular communication with those who require assistance.
- **Child Care and Community Use:** Families are encouraged to make alternate arrangements for child care and supervision. While schools will be closed to students, some community joint-use activities (such as playgroups or other outside organizations) may still continue.

Prairie Land Public School Division is not part of the provincial bargaining process. Negotiations take place between the Government of Alberta (through the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association) and the ATA. Our role is to keep families informed and prepared for a smooth return to school once the strike concludes.

We recognize this situation affects our communities and will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available. Please watch for communication through our website and school email lists.

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