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Dear Parents:

Subject: OC Transpo

Recent media reports are indicating a possible OC Transpo strike, which could begin as early as Wednesday, December 10. While I am hopeful that an agreement can be reached by the City and the Union, a contingency plan is being developed by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB).

In the event of an OC Transpo bus service disruption, schools will remain open as usual and yellow bus service will continue. Given the last-minute nature of labour action, it is unlikely that any contingency plans will be implemented in the early days of a strike. Parents should be prepared to make alternate arrangements for their children to travel to school. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board expects to be able to provide limited bus service for students in the event of a protracted strike.

Parents of students, including those using yellow buses, should be aware that there will be increased traffic congestion across the district, and this may result in delays to scheduled yellow school bus routes. Please take this into account when accompanying your children to their bus stop or in any alternate transportation arrangements that you make. If you plan to drive your children to school, please consider carpooling.

Please continue to monitor the news on television and radio as well as on the following websites:

Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
City of Ottawa
OC Transpo

www.ocdsb.ca
www.ottawa.ca
www.octranspo.com

The OCDSB website will be updated with news from the City of Ottawa or OC Transpo. I appreciate your assistance and cooperation during this possible disruption to transportation.

Yours truly,

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Director of Education/
Secretary of the Board