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Dear Students:

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union served notice Tuesday afternoon that it will take college faculty out on a province-wide strike beginning Monday, October 16th. The union has rejected the contract offer from the bargaining team representing Ontario's 24 colleges.

While this is an uncertain time, please remember that no student at an Ontario college has ever lost their year due to a strike. Mohawk will make sure that all students have the opportunity to complete their semester. Plans will be put in place to make up for classes that were suspended during the strike.

WHAT WILL CHANGE DURING A STRIKE

All full-time programs and apprenticeship training will be suspended and students are asked to not to contact their professors. Exams, tests and assignments will be postponed.

The Fall Convocation Ceremony scheduled for Friday, Oct. 20th will be postponed. Credentials will still be conferred on students who are graduating this month. A new date for the Convocation Ceremony has not been set.

All student projects with community partners that require faculty supervision or grading will be suspended.

Clinical placements that require faculty supervision will be suspended. Students who will be impacted by this will be contacted directly before Monday, Oct. 16.

Labs at the Stoney Creek campus and the Aviation labs at the Hamilton Airport will be closed.

City School classes and workshops will be suspended, although all locations will remain open.

WHAT WILL CONTINUE DURING A STRIKE

Co-op work terms and field placements will continue.

Collaborative degree lectures taught by McMaster faculty will continue while lectures taught by Mohawk faculty will be suspended.

Continuing Education, Distance Education and Ontario Learn will continue.

eLearn will continue to be available to students.

All three campuses will remain open with normal hours of operation. The college and the union local will negotiate a picket line protocol to ensure everyone's continued safety.

Labs at the Fennell and McMaster IAHS campuses will remain open.

Student Services will remain open.

Varsity athletics will continue.

Students will continue to work at on-campus jobs, although schedules and hours may change for students employed by the Mohawk Students' Association.

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO DURING A STRIKE

Students are encouraged to catch up on any course work, readings and assignments and review any material that has been challenging to learn. Peer tutoring and other learning supports will be available during and after the strike.

For the latest updates, please visit www.mohawkcollege.ca/strike-update or Mohawk's Facebook page. Students can also register for the free Security Alert Messenger Service at www.mohawkcollege.ca/about-mohawk/security-and-emergency-management/security-alert-messenger-sam-service to receive text alerts about the strike. Questions, comments and concerns can be emailed to strike@mohawkcollege.ca.

Regards,

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