

Next Provincial Walkout and Update on Negotiations

OTTAWA, February 29, 2020 — The next province-wide walkout for AEFO will be held Thursday, March 5, 2020. The union's 12,000 regular and occasional teachers will be picketing at 93 locations. The location and times of pickets will be available Monday at www.ensemblepouragir.ca.

The 27th day of negotiation between AEFO, the government, and the Employer Bargaining Agency (EBA)—which represents the 12 French-language school boards—was held yesterday, February 28. By the end of the meeting, very little progress had been made. The offer from the EBA is still not sufficient enough to protect and improve the rights of regular and occasional teachers, and what they have gained over the years, nor does it protect working conditions that favour a positive learning environment for students.

“AEFO is at a stalemate with school boards and Minister of education Stephen Lecce. We feel that they continue to turn a deaf ear to teachers’ requests. Going forward, AEFO has no desire to engage in anything less than true dialogue,” says Rémi Sabourin, AEFO President.

AEFO will reevaluate its strike strategy over the next few days. AEFO’s Board of Directors will be meeting in Toronto on March 3 to determine what comes next for the union.

Phase 3 of work-to-rule continues. To find out more, please visit www.ensemblepouragir.ca.

AEFO has about 12,000 members and represents French-language elementary and high school teachers in Ontario, from both Catholic and public school boards, as well as professional and support staff working in various French-language workplaces.

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