



# Umbrella Family and Child Centres of Hamilton

February 3, 2020

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has announced **one-day strikes on Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7**, unless progress is made at the central bargaining table. These one-day strikes will affect the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) and the Umbrella Programs located within HWDSB schools.

In December 2019, we asked parents/caregivers to complete and submit a **“Strike Care Registration Form”** which provided rates and alternate locations for your Kindergarten/School Age child in the event of a strike (single and/or consecutive days). Using the information provided, the **Umbrella will be offering full day programs at the following locations to those families who pre-registered for strike care:**

SITES OPEN FOR STRIKE CARE:	RECEIVING KINDERGARTEN/SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN FROM:
<b>Ancaster Meadow</b>	Gordon Price
<b>Cathy Wever</b>	--
<b>Dundana</b>	Balaclava, Dundas Central, Spencer Valley
<b>Gatestone</b>	Bellmoore, Michaelle Jean, Shannen Koostachin
<b>Hillcrest</b>	Glen Echo
<b>Lawfield</b>	Mountview, Queensdale
<b>Lincoln Alexander</b>	--
<b>Ray Lewis</b>	Helen Detwiler, James MacDonald, Mount Hope
<b>Sir Wilfrid Laurier</b>	Elizabeth Bagshaw, Sir Isaac Brock
<b>Templemead</b>	Rosedale
<b>Winona</b>	Eastdale, Memorial, Mountain View

*NOTE: There will be no change to our current full day programs (e.g. toddler/preschool).*

**Account credits or charges for strike care day(s) will be processed no later than the end of the following month in which a strike (single and/or consecutive days) occurs.**

We understand the stress that a work disruption has on our families. We continue to work with our partners at the School Board and remain hopeful that a new agreement will be reached.

For information on any future strike days, please visit our website at [www.umbrellafamily.com](http://www.umbrellafamily.com) for updates as they become available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your site’s Supervisor or Program Leader.

Thank you.

Darryl Hall  
Executive Director

**VISION:** Thriving Children, Competent Youth, Responsible Citizens.

**MISSION:** We are a leading childcare organization committed to high quality programs that are inclusive, accessible and promote learning and growth.

**CORE VALUES:** Caring, Collaboration, Enrichment, Respect, Trust

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