**Labour Disruption Information**

The Division has been advised that the Alberta Teachers’ Association (ATA) and the Provincial Government have not reached an agreement on a new contract. Consequently, the ATA has announced plans to strike starting Monday, October 6, 2025.

It is important to note that Northern Gateway Public Schools is not involved in this provincial bargaining process. Negotiations are held between the Government of Alberta, through their bargaining association, TEBA, and the ATA.

Although the specific form of labour action may change, it is currently understood that

the ATA will launch a full strike beginning October 6, 2025. **This means all Northern**

**Gateway schools will be closed to students starting October 6 until further notice.**

Families will need to find alternative childcare and supervision. We anticipate that, during the planned strike action beginning October 6th:

* All teachers, school Principals, and Assistant Principals will participate in the

 strike and therefore will not be at work.

* Students will not be attending school.
* While schools are closed for regular operations, there will still be some activities

 in the buildings, including:

* Support staff reporting to work
* Child Care providers and Junior Kindergarten Programs
* Community joint-use (which could include before and after school care

 operators or other outside organizations running programming).

The Government of Alberta is providing support during a strike by offering funding for

families and learning materials for at-home use. These resources are available on

alberta.ca or under the Teacher/Labour Updates tab on ngps.ca.

We will continue to provide updates to our communities as new information becomes available at ngps.ca. You can reach us at learn@ngps.ca or call the Division Office at

780-778-2800. There is also an emergency after-hours line available: 780.706.8222.