

TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211

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James B. Conant High School

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Hoffman Estates High School

Palatine High School

Schaumburg High School



Dear District 211 Families:

As you may know by now, the District 211 Teacher's Union has rejected the Board of Education's latest contract offer and on October 19, 2007, filed its Notice of Intent to Strike. We are writing to you to share the District's plans should the strike be called. The strike could begin, according to statutory notice requirements, as early as October 30, 2007.

Student safety will be our highest priority during the strike. Therefore, schools in District 211 will be closed to student attendance when the strike begins. All activities' and athletics' events and practices, including those for state competitions, will be cancelled as well. However, off-campus classes at Harper College, Barrington High School graphic arts, North Cook Young Adult Academy, NSSEO programs at Kirk School and Miner School, Northwest Suburban Academy, private day schools, Ombudsman, Image Designer School of Nail Technology, and Empire School of Beauty (Cosmetology Program) will remain in session. Bus transportation for these programs will be provided. Students in these programs will be contacted regarding bus transportation schedules and arrangements.

Should the strike occur, we will evaluate daily the possibilities for conducting student programs and providing opportunities for students to continue to be educated. We will open those opportunities to our students only if we are first convinced of their safety and proper supervision.

Please monitor the District website at www.d211.org for current information along with media announcements. We will post notice to the website and to the District's telephone greetings should the strike commence. If we do not receive notice in a timely manner and students arrive at school after the strike begins, we will deliver all bused students home as soon as possible. **Please make arrangements for your child to be properly supervised in such an event.**

While we hope that a settlement might be reached soon, bargaining has been on-going for many months and resolution has not yet been possible. The District remains committed to reaching an agreement that fairly compensates employees' while remaining within the commitments established during the referendum. Though we regret sharing this news, we wish you to be as prepared as possible should the strike commence.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert LeFevre in cursive.

Robert LeFevre, President
Township High School District 211
Board of Education

Handwritten signature of Roger W. Thornton in cursive.

Roger W. Thornton, Superintendent
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