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Dear Students:

I am writing to let you know that the negotiations between full-time college support staff and management across the province have broken down and a strike of support staff is now in effect.

This is an important matter so I want to update you on what colleges are doing to try to limit disruption for you.

Your classes here at the College will continue as scheduled. You may find that there are reduced services or hours of operations posted in some areas. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and ask that you please be patient with us as we try to serve you as best we can.

Please refer to the question and answers (QA's) document for more detailed information on what you may need to start school successfully. Also, please do not hesitate to ask your faculty about any question you may have.

All of our staff play an important role in our College, and it is my hope that both parties will soon be back at the bargaining table and a settlement will be reached in the near future.

For information and updates on the strike, please continue to check the portal at: mysaultcollege.ca.

Thank you for choosing Sault College.

Respectfully,

Ron Common
President

SUPPORT STAFF POTENTIAL STRIKE

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

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Are student and other support services still available?

- Yes, many student and support services are available. Delays may be experienced and we thank you for your patience.
- Some services will not be available while others will be reduced.
- Service areas such as the Library and Athletics will have limited services.
- Although open, delays may be experienced in the Registrar's Office, Financial Assistance and Student Counselling.
- Because the Outback is a student-run facility, operations will be minimally impacted.

What should students expect when crossing picket lines?

- Please slow down, stop and proceed carefully when driving a vehicle through the picket lines.
- Students may or may not experience delays. In any event, the people picketing have a legal right to do so and they should be respected.
- The safety of all involved is the College's primary concern.
- Courtesy and patience should be displayed at all times. We expect everyone - staff, picketers and students - to be respectful and act as mature responsible adults. Support staff will return to work at some point and respectful treatment to each other is vital for our long-term relationships.
- Students are reminded to review and follow their Code of Conduct as adherence to this Code is expected to continue during the strike and in student interactions with striking employees.

What about services and hours in the Cafeteria, Tim Horton's, the Campus Shop and Outback?

- These services will be delivered as normally as possible.

Will I be able to get into my residence room?

- Yes, residence is open and is not affected.