

## **Subject: Preparing for Classes to Start Next Week**

Dear Sheridan Community,

I wanted to share some important information with you regarding our preparations for students to return to class.

In this email, you'll find information regarding:

- Legislation to End the Strike
- Return to Class Date
- The Fall and Winter Term
- Student Fund

### **Legislation to End the Strike**

As you're likely already aware, the Ontario legislature reconvened at 3:00 pm on Friday, November 17 to debate proposed legislation that will end the college strike and bring students back to class.

We anticipate that the debate will continue to unfold over the course of this weekend and are hopeful that the legislation will be passed and finalized by Sunday, November 19.

### **Return to Class Date**

At this point, we would like to advise anyone who has taken the opportunity to leave the West GTA during the strike to begin making their way back to Brampton, Oakville and Mississauga, in order to be ready for classes to resume next week.

Should the legislation pass by November 19, we anticipate welcoming our faculty back to Sheridan on Monday, November 20 to prepare for students to return to classes on Tuesday, November 21.

As we communicated during our Strike Information Forums for Students, no exams, tests and assignments would be rescheduled until a minimum of three business days after classes resume. These assessments pertain to material that was already taught prior to October 15.

This timeline for a return to class is fully dependent on how proceedings unfold in the legislature.

As soon as the legislation passes and we are absolutely certain of the return to class date, we will send another email to confirm. Please check your email regularly during the next few

days. The message confirming the date of return will also be updated on our college website and on our Facebook and Twitter feeds.

### **Fall and Winter Term**

Based on a return to class date of November 21, we have determined that the fall term will now extend until January 12, 2018. As previously communicated, classes would run during the week of December 18-22, 2017 and during the week of January 2-5, 2018. No classes will run during the holiday break, which will occur from December 23 – January 1 inclusive.

The new winter term would begin on January 22, 2018, with classes ending on April 27, 2018.

### **Student Fund**

We know that this strike has presented significant challenges. Sheridan continues to await further instruction from the Provincial Government regarding the dedicated fund that will be established for students. As details are shared with us, we will communicate them to you.

### **Further Updates**

Please continue to monitor your Sheridan email as developments can occur quickly. In the interim, please continue to send us your questions and concerns; they help us reflect on what we're doing, and where there are gaps. You can send your comments to 905-815-4070 or [sheridanstrikehotline@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:sheridanstrikehotline@sheridancollege.ca)

As always, we will do our best to respond promptly, and provide the answers that we have to share.

Sincerely,

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President and Vice Chancellor