

Dear Laker families,

As you may be aware, on September 29, members of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) voted to decline the provincial government's most recent offer. Because a strike notice has already been given for October 6, teachers across the province will not be at work, and schools will temporarily close beginning Monday, October 6. **The last day of school for students will therefore be Friday, October 3, 2025.** 

Today and tomorrow, students will be invited to **take home their personal belongings**, such as Chromebooks, chargers, gym change, binders, etc. After October 3, our school will remain closed until we are notified that an agreement has been reached. Chinook's Edge will communicate with families to confirm when classes will resume.

On-site dual credit courses will be paused for the duration of the strike. Students engaging in online dual credit courses will be able to continue the self-directed portion of their online courses under the guidance of their post-secondary instructors.

Our teachers are receiving some questions about whether teachers can send homework home with students this week. As members of the ATA, teachers (as well as principals and vice principals) are bound by the legal requirements of strike action. This means that:

## Prior to a strike:

- Teachers are not to prepare, print, or distribute assignments in anticipation of a strike.
- Teachers cannot assign homework or 'catch-up' work to cover material that will be missed. During the strike:
  - Teachers are not to communicate with parents / guardians or students about school work.
  - Teachers are not to provide feedback on school work.
  - All classes will be cancelled. Students will not attend school in person or online.
  - There will be no instruction, supervision, or extracurricular activities, including athletics during the strike.
- Families and staff should ensure childcare arrangements are in place for Monday, October 6.
- There will be no transportation. Please do not send your children to the bus stop.
- Childcare programs that rent space in Chinook's Edge schools may still operate. Please check directly with your provider.

For the most up-to-date information, please also check the Chinook's Edge School Division website.

Thank you again for your patience, care, and support of our school community as we move through this challenging time together.

Kind regards,

Alex Lambert, Principal





You and your students are invited to our Open House! This is a great chance to visit the campus in person, learn more about our programs and student life and even apply for FREE for Winter 2026 or Fall 2026! October 3 & 4, 2025 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Olds College Campus **Program Activities & Exploration Bonus Fun** · Residence Tours Learn about our programs directly Campus Store discounts from our active faculty members, and Scavenger Hunt be sure to bring all of your questions!

· Free applications

· Lunch is on us (Oct. 3 only)

## **Red Deer Polytechnic**

## **Parent Night**

Do you have a high school student interested in attending RDP?

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- Programs
- Entrance requirements
- Funding
- Awards and scholarships
- Application process



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## Thursday, October 16

7 - 8 pm

RDP Main Campus, Margaret Parsons Theatre







