



***Q&A: Teacher Walk-Out (Work Stoppage)***

***Impact on the Collinsville Community  
The Teacher Walk-Out is anticipated to begin April 2, 2018***

**Q: Why are teachers in Collinsville considering joining the State wide walk-out?**

A: Since 2008, the Oklahoma Legislature has continued to cut funding for education in the State of Oklahoma. Teacher's have not been given a pay raise in over a decade. The increase in student enrollment and the decrease in state funding has had a direct and substantial impact on the Collinsville Public Schools.

**Q: If school is cancelled due to a teacher walk-out, will we be required to make up those days/hours?**

A: Yes. We will be required to make up the time missed.

**Q: How much instructional time is required by state law to constitute a school year?**

A: State law requires that students receive "not less than one hundred eighty (180) days or not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours" of instructional time per school year. As a district, Collinsville calculates school attendance utilizing the hourly method (minimum of 1,080 hours).

**Q: Who determines if school will be cancelled due to a teacher walk-out?**

A: The Collinsville Board of Education voted on March 12, 2018, to allow Superintendent West to close school for up to 8 days during the teacher walk-out. If the teacher walk-out continues beyond 8 days, the Collinsville School Board will reconvene to make a recommendation at that time.

**Q: How will parents be made aware if school will not be in session?**

A: The district will notify parents via school messenger and through other social media formats as soon as a decision has been made.

**Q: How will the teacher walk-out impact teacher and support staff salaries?**

A: Certified teacher's and support staff contracts are based on days worked per year. As long as employees work their contracted days by June 30, 2018, there will be no reduction in salaries.

**Q: How will the teacher walk-out impact State Testing including the ACT?**

A: According to the State Department of Education, no changes have been made to the testing dates at this time. The district will rely on guidance from the State Department of Education regarding testing. **Regardless if school is in session, the free ACT Test for Juniors will be administered on April 3rd at Collinsville High School.** More information will be provided as soon as the details are finalized.

**Q: How will the teacher walk-out impact extracurricular activities?**

A: The district is unsure at this time about the impact on extracurricular activities. As soon as more information is made available, information will be disbursed through the individual activities and sponsors. The district is waiting on guidance from the State Department of Education as well as the associations that govern the various activities.

**Q: How will the teacher walk-out impact the High School Prom and Graduation?**

A: Due to contractual agreements, the High School Prom and Graduation will remain on the scheduled dates.

**Q: Will students continue their classes at Tulsa Technology Center and their concurrent (college) classes?**

A: Yes, students will continue to follow the school calendar of the programs they attend outside of the school setting.

**Q: Will students continue to be transported to Tulsa Technology for their classes?**

A: Yes, transportation will continue for students attending Tulsa Technology Center.

***We appreciate the support we have received from parents, students and the community through this challenging time within our district and throughout the State of Oklahoma. This is a very unique situation and we will do our best to distribute additional information and keep you as informed as possible.***