Picket Line – Advice for Crossing a Picket Line

Should a strike occur on October 16, 2017, George Brown College will be open to students, non-striking employees and the public.

It is likely that picket lines will be set-up outside college property. Picketers are our colleagues and we expect everyone in our college community to act in a respectful and safe manner.

Picketers may want to talk with you and provide you with information. They may ask you not to cross the picket line. Please feel comfortable in talking with faculty on the picket lines, respect any delays, and know that you will be able to enter the college.

The following provides advice and protocol for crossing a picket line.

a. Safety is a top priority for everyone. Use your best judgment at all times and avoid any conflict.
b. Expect delays and allow additional time to arrive at school, work, your meeting, etc.
c. Be polite and respectful to our striking colleagues on the picket line.
d. Remain calm and be patient.
e. Act in a responsible manner and ensure you have no physical contact with anyone on the picket line.
f. If you are uncomfortable crossing a picket line, you can:
   - use an alternative entrance/exit;
   - ask a college Picket Captain or Monitor to help you;
   - wait a few minutes for the picket line to move on, then enter/exit;
   - arrange to come and go with friends.

If driving, avoid traffic congestion on two-way streets by approaching college entrances from the right-hand side. Be patient, remain calm and ensure the safety of picketers. Do not attempt to enter before the picket line has completely stopped for you to do so. Delays will be monitored and must be respected.