


MEMO

DATE January 22, 2026

TO Algonquin College Community

FROM Julie Beauchamp, Senior Vice President, Academic 

SUBJECT Update on Strategic Portfolio Management and Board Recommendation

Dear colleagues,

As you are aware, Algonquin College continues to face a significant budget shortfall and ongoing financial pressures. Over the past year, we have taken a number of steps to mitigate these challenges and to position the College for a financially sustainable future. These decisions have been difficult, and we recognize the impact they can have on our community. We remain committed to navigating this work with transparency, care, and compassion.

I am writing to provide an update on our ongoing strategic portfolio management efforts. The Academic Services area will be bringing a recommendation to the Board of Governors at its meeting on **February 23, 2026**, to **suspend 30 academic programs**, effective Fall 2026. This includes **23 program suspensions** and **7 campus-specific program offering cancellations**.

If the Board approves the recommendation, learners currently enrolled in the program, including those beginning their studies in the spring 2026 term, will have the opportunity to complete their program of study and graduate as planned, provided they meet all academic requirements.

I recognize that this news may create uncertainty and concern. I also want to be clear: these recommendations are **not** a reflection of the quality of the work being done in our departments, nor the professionalism, commitment, or contributions of our teams. They are a necessary response to rapid and significant shifts in the postsecondary landscape, including enrolment volatility and changing labour market and student demand. Our responsibility is to ensure that we can continue to deliver a high-quality learning experience and strong student supports, while making decisions that protect the long-term sustainability of Algonquin College.

Between now and the Board meeting, leaders will be working with impacted areas to ensure we are prepared to communicate clearly and support people appropriately. If the Board approves the recommendation, we will share further details as quickly as possible, including timing, next steps, and the supports and processes that will be in place. Following the Board meeting, we will communicate confirmed outcomes and next steps as quickly as possible. If the recommendations are approved, the College will implement any changes with care and respect, respecting applicable collective agreements, legislative and Ministry requirements, and established processes.

I want to thank you sincerely for the resilience, professionalism, and care you continue to demonstrate, especially during a period of change. Your commitment to our students and to one another matters, and it makes a meaningful difference every day.

How to learn more

For full details, including a list of affected programs and answers to common questions, [please visit our webpage](#).

Sincerely,
Julie Beauchamp
Senior Vice President, Academic

