



Why is ETFO preparing to strike?

The future of public education is at stake!

The Doug Ford Conservative government has made substantial cuts to public education in per-pupil funding, Special Education teachers and funding to support Indigenous students, at risk students and English language learners. In contract talks, this government is focused on making more cuts to education, including a \$150 million in public elementary budgets.

Government representatives at the table have been given **no** mandate to discuss critical issues for students and educators including ETFO's proposals for:

- smaller classes where students get the help they need;
- more resources for students with special needs;
- protection of our world-renowned Kindergarten program;
- safe and healthy schools and reduction of violent incidents; and
- fair compensation for educators, particularly occasional teachers, early childhood educators, professional support personnel and education support personnel.

This round of bargaining will set the future course of publicly funded education.

Ontario's Education Minister Stephen Lecce and Premier Ford are jeopardizing our world class public education system, now and in the future. If the government is so concerned with keeping children in classrooms then it needs to get to the bargaining table, make real progress and offer an investment in education NOT cuts.

It is Critical that We Stand Together to Say NO to Education Cuts

Cuts to education funding and critical programs by the government are very hard to reverse. Elementary educators are striking to stand up to the Ford government and to pressure it to take these contract talks and the future of our children seriously. The programs elementary educators are fighting for today will have an impact on the education of generations of students to come.





While students, families and educators will feel the impact of cancelled activities such as extracurricular activities and field trips, or possibly a full strike, these are our only means to force the government to take contract talks seriously and engage in meaningful discussions.

The public education our students need and deserve cannot be hijacked by a government whose only aim to date has been to make funding cuts. We want this government to invest in public education and the future of Ontario students.

This fight is worth it for everyone. All students across the province, regardless of where they live, must continue to have access to one of the best public education systems in the world.

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