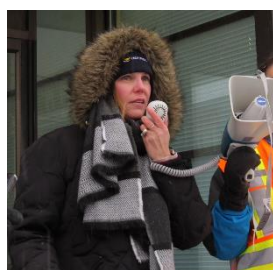


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Rallies For Education



On April 6, 2019 more than 30,000 educators, parents, students, and community members from across Ontario packed the lawn at Queen's Park to send a strong message to the Conservative government that schools need investment, not cuts. The rally was organized by the five largest education unions including: ETFO, OSSTF, OECTA, CUPE and AEFO. Solidarity Strong is all I have to say about the amazing turnout at the No Cuts to Education rally at Ross Romano's office February 7th. All across Ontario OSSTF and their allies were mobilized to educate all MPP's that cuts to education would be devastating for everyone involved!



Minister oblivious to pleas of students

On April 4th, students across the province took action to protect their education. Student organized and run protests sent a clear message to the Ontario government: Don't initiate cuts that will reduce the quality of their education. Responding to the student action, Harvey Bischof, President of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) said, "We share these students' concerns and their frustration at not being listened to by this government."



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OSSTF/FEESO finds Ford government's lacklustre response to the start of bargaining troubling

May 08 2019 "Our concern is that the Minister has publicly stated that she wanted to 'start early, good faith bargaining'," said Harvey Bischof, President of OSSTF/FEESO. "By only scheduling one hour meetings to start the negotiating process, the Minister is signaling to us that she is not ready to have meaningful conversations to move us toward a fair and timely agreement."

**Message from OSSTF/FEESO President Harvey Bischof — Support Staff Layoffs**

May 6, 2019 — A video message to all members of OSSTF/FEESO regarding the threats of support staff layoffs we are hearing from some school boards resulting from the Ford government's cuts to publicly funded education. Watch the full video at <https://www.osstf.on.ca/en-CA/news/mn-may-06-2019-01.aspx>

Ontario budget smoke and mirrors when it comes to education

Apr 11 2019 — Despite the appearance of an increase in funding, the budget presented today at Queen's Park is smoke and mirrors when it comes to the province's education system. This confirms the Ford government's determination to significantly weaken Ontario's publicly funded education system and undermine the education of an entire generation of Ontario students.

Queens Park Notes – March 25-29th**EDUCATION MINISTER TOUTS MCDONALD'S JOBS FOR YOUTH**

"Again, I want to stand in front of everyone in this House today and say it's our PC government of Ontario that's actually going to be able to tout the success that we have in making sure our students have the job skills and life skills they need for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Some of those skills actually involve embracing technology for good. I want to share an example of something that we've just learned about today. McDonald's Canada, for the first time, is today accepting applications from students via Snapchat. I'm telling you, Speaker, we need to make sure that we're doing everything we can to invest in proper studies, in a proper curriculum, so that our students are equipped to work with the means amongst them. Technology for good is absolutely a means to an end whereby we want to make sure they have the skills to go out and pursue jobs that they're going to have satisfaction in." — Minister Thompson

NDP EDUCATION CRITIC EXPRESSES CONCERNS REGARDING ONLINE LEARNING – EDUCATION MINISTER RESPONDS:

"I stand up for students every single day, as opposed to the no-digital party. Honest to goodness, Speaker, I can't even believe how disconnected that member opposite and her entire party are. My goodness, we should be celebrating how we're already leading the way." — Minister Thompson

FORMER PREMIER WYNNE RAISES CLASS SIZE ISSUE- EDUCATION MINISTER RESPONDS:

"...to set that member opposite straight, because our focus on education is going to see zero changes from kindergarten to grade 3. From grades 4 to 8, we're looking at no more than maybe one student per class. And when it comes to high school, I'm telling you, we're going to get it right. We're looking at an increase of perhaps six students, but what we're also focusing on is the success and the actual effectiveness of the teacher in the classroom, and we're excited by that." — Minister Thompson

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