



TBU President's Report

April 6, 2019

As you know, on March 15th, 2019, the Ford Government announced devastating cuts to Education. By changing the student funding ratio from 22:1 to 28:1, they are effectively reducing our teachers by 25%. For the ADSB, that means cutting about 1.5 million dollars. Additionally, the Ford government will change the graduation requirement to include 4 E-learning courses, the equivalent of one per year.

There will be surpluses. You cannot cut 1 billion dollars out of education and not expect job losses. Just with the reduction in funding, we will lose over 5000 teachers across Ontario which translates into about 34, 000 classrooms. Unfortunately, this likely means that specialized and low enrolment classes will suffer the brunt of these cuts.

We don't know what the impact on our EA Support and other supports will be, but the Budget is scheduled to come out on April 11th.

On March 28, Presidents and Chief Negotiators met to review a draft of the Central Brief and discussed our negotiations strategy moving forward. At this meeting we were able to give some input on the brief. This was followed by meeting on April 3, 2019 where the draft brief was approved. Stay tuned! More to come.

The Rally for Education will take place on April 6, 2019 in Toronto. Many districts will be sending busses and we are hoping for a great turnout. Locally, we were approved to send 3 members from each of our bargaining units. Matt, John, and I will be attending the Rally for Education. Jen will already be down there for a conference and will join us.

Please ask the members at your workplace to visit the Here for Students website at <https://www.hereforstudents.ca/> where you can click on a button and send a letter to Doug Ford telling him you Disagree with the proposed cuts to Education. If you can get parents and community members to do the same it will have a greater impact.

Also, we have launched an official District 2, OSSTF Facebook page. **OSSTF District 2 Algoma Teachers**. Please visit us. Thanks to Jen and Matt for looking after this. We are definitely getting the word out.

We are down about 100 students at the secondary level and this will have an impact on staffing for the 2019/2020 school year.

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