



Teachers Bargaining Unit CPAC Report – June 7, 2019

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Media Coverage of Cuts to Education

- [Media Coverage of Layoff and Program Cut Announcements by School Boards \(May 2019\)](#)
- [Media Coverage of Layoff Announcements by School Boards \(April 2019\)](#)
- [Media Coverage of Minister of Education's Announcements of Cuts to Schools \(April 2019\)](#)
- [Media Coverage of Minister of Education's Announcements of Cuts to Schools \(March 2019\)](#)
- [OSSTF/FEESO February Information Rallies – Media Coverage](#)

Local Media Releases on Cuts to Education

- [District 4 Near North – Media Release on Pink Slip Rally \(May 6, 2019\)](#)
- [HDSB Cuts Professional Student Services \(April 30, 2019\)](#)
- [District 8 Avon Maitland – Media Release on Layoffs \(April 16, 2019\)](#)

Ford Government refuses to acknowledge slashing of ¼ of high school classes and teachers

TORONTO, ON – May 16, 2019 — The Ford government refuses to acknowledge that its education “reform” is really about slashing 25% of Ontario’s high school teachers and the classes they teach, along with a still-uncertain number of education support staff. While Doug Ford and his government undermine Ontario’s world-renowned publicly funded education system, they insist on pointing the finger of blame at everyone but themselves.

Their spin accuses education workers, unions, parents, and school board employers of fear mongering, and claims we are circulating “myths and misconceptions.” The fact is, the Ford government is reducing per-pupil funding and passing it off as a cure-all and forward thinking approach to ensuring student success. But we know the truth. Pressure on the government is mounting as members and allies across the province stand up and insist the government admit these are cuts, and call for the reversal of this ill-conceived plan. Our pressure is working and we will not be deterred.

OSSTF/FEESO produces research report on impact of increases in class size under the Ford government

TORONTO, ON – May 22, 2019 — The Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) has completed a detailed report on the effects of the Ford government plan to increase average class sizes over the next four years.

The Minister of Education Lisa Thompson announced on March 15, 2019 that secondary school class size averages would increase from 22 to 28 over the next four years.

The increase in class size average in secondary schools will result in a 25% reduction in teaching positions and a subsequent loss of access to courses and program options for students.

OSSTF/FEESO surveyed local teacher bargaining units from across the province and asked them to create a model for schools in their area that showed the impact of increases in class size average through to the 2022-2023 school year. The data includes the loss of teaching positions, the loss of teachers over and above the number of retirees projected, and the loss of teachers with specific qualifications in these schools, which would threaten the loss of specific curricular programs.

Overall, OSSTF/FEESO received data from 23 bargaining units representing 60 schools in Ontario. The report highlights the impact on small, medium and large sized schools based on their Average Daily Enrollment (ADE), or number of students attending a school.

The [Impact on Class Size Increases](#) summary report and full technical report are available for viewing on the OSSTF/FEESO website.

Ontario Federation of Labour “Days of Action” – June 7 or 8

The Ontario Federation of Labour is in the process of planning a "Day of Action" in recognition of One Year under the Ford PC Government. Actions are to take place on June 7 or 8. To find out more, go to the [OFL Days of Action website](#), the [OFL Days of Action Facebook Event page](#), and the [OFL Power of Many page](#). Upload your photos and videos to District/Bargaining Unit websites and social media pages using the hashtags:

#NoCutsToEducation #PowerOfMany #OSSTF #OFL #onpoli #onted or post on our local FACEBOOK PAGES



CLASS SIZE CONSULTATION

Lisa Thompson wants to consult.

SEND YOUR EMAIL TO:

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TELL LISA:

- INCREASED CLASS AVERAGES = SIZES TO 40+ POSSIBLE
- 34,000 CLASSES INCLUDING STEM, CO-OP, AND SKILLED TRADES COULD BE LOST
- FEWER ADULTS AVAILABLE TO GIVE EXTRA HELP AND VOLUNTEER EXTRA CURRICULARS
- MANDATORY E-LEARNING CLASSES = OPENING THE DOOR TO PRIVATIZATION
- GRADUATION RATES INCREASED FROM 56% IN 2004 TO 86% IN 2017 = NOT A BROKEN SYSTEM

Find the government's Consultation Guide here:

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No Cut To Education

Don't forget about our [No Cuts to Education](#) webpage on the provincial website. This has more information that parents, friends and neighbours might be interested in, including [infographics](#) that "Fact Check" the Ford government. We also have copies of an [Open Letter to Parents](#) in 10 different languages that was published in many provincial and local newspapers in early April. Please share these!

Stay active on SOCIAL MEDIA

Our activity on our social media accounts have been incredible. Many district and bargaining unit social media accounts have also seen a significant increase in activity. Keep sharing our message so that our members and the public stay informed about the cuts to education by the Ford government. Also, follow our President [Harvey Bischof](#) on Twitter!

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