

Petition to the Ontario Legislative Assembly

We support our public schools: Reverse the \$25 million cut to education!

WHEREAS the people of Ontario are proud to have one of the best public education systems in the world, and recognize that public education is an essential resource for building and maintaining an equitable and prosperous province;

WHEREAS the Education Program Other (EPO) Grants, which were cut by the Ontario government in December 2018, provided much needed and effective supports to Ontario's most vulnerable students;

WHEREAS Decades of research demonstrates that systemic inequality and discrimination hinder student success and long-term employment prospects, and therefore the economic growth of Ontario and;

WHEREAS The EPO grants provided to students who face systemic barriers meaningful interventions and supports including:

- The Focus on Youth program which provides after-school and summer programming, and employment for youth in low-income and under-serviced neighbourhoods as a partial response to incidents of youth violence and gang involvement;
- Post-secondary tutors to support struggling students in elementary school classrooms;
- Re-engagement programs for students who leave high school with only a few credits to complete;
- Pilots on Ensuring Equitable Access to Postsecondary Education, which assists at-risk students with preparing and submitting post-secondary applications;
- Daily Physical Activity Funding for Elementary Schools;
- Indigenous focused teacher training and support, and engagement initiatives for Indigenous students

We, the undersigned implore the Ontario Provincial Government to immediately reverse these cuts, direct Public School Boards to reinstitute the above noted programs, refrain from further cuts, and ensure public schools are adequately funded.

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Yes! I want to join the Fight for Public Schools!

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