

## Media Release

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On March 15, 2019, the Ministry of Education announced significant changes to funding for public schools in Ontario. Since then, schools have been implementing these cuts, and at the end of the first week of classes, secondary students are seeing first-hand what effect the cuts have already had.

Here in Peel, the school year has begun with 73 secondary teachers who no longer have permanent positions, which has resulted in over 420 fewer classes for secondary students. All this despite an increase in secondary student enrolment. While the PDSB has been able to offer temporary work to most of these secondary teachers, this is not what was claimed by Premier Ford and the Provincial Conservative Government when they stated that no front-line worker would lose their job.

As we move through the start of the school year in Ontario, the cuts will continue to have a negative impact on our students and on the economy. They will limit the opportunities for students and will have negative personal, social, and fiscal impacts for Ontario ([betterschoolsstrongereconomy.ca](http://betterschoolsstrongereconomy.ca)). And this is only the first of four years of planned cuts to public education.

When the priority is to erode the publicly funded education system in Ontario, everyone loses.

If you believe in the value of public education, I urge you to contact your MPP and tell them to reverse these devastating cuts.

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For more information on the impact of these cuts to education, please visit [osstfd19.ca](http://osstfd19.ca).

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