

## Media Release

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### **OSSTF/FEESO District 19 Teachers and Education Workers in Peel Region to begin information pickets and limited withdrawal of administrative services**

**MISSISSAUGA, ON** (November 25, 2019) – Across the province, Teachers and Education Workers represented by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) are set to begin their first provincial level job action in over twenty years, starting November 26, as central negotiations enter their eighth month. Locally, District 19 – Peel Teachers, Occasional Teachers, and Professional Student Services Personnel will engage in information pickets that will take place before and after school, or during lunch periods at Peel District School Board secondary schools. These actions will not impact the regular school day. Educators will simply distribute information to parents and the general public.

In addition to their efforts to inform the public, OSSTF/FEESO members will begin a limited withdrawal of services that will affect government or school board initiatives only. These job actions will have no impact on student learning. Duties that OSSTF/FEESO members will NOT perform include:

- Participation in EQAO preparation or testing
- Completion / Submission of Ministry of Education Data Reports
- Participation in School Board Professional Activities that are based on Ministry of Education or School Board Initiatives
- Participation in unpaid staff meetings outside the regular school day
- Providing comments on any secondary provincial report cards
- Will not perform the work of another bargaining unit, even if directed by administration

Throughout the central bargaining process, the Ford government has failed to address crucial issues that affect student learning and the quality of education in the province. They have refused to acknowledge the negative impact increased class sizes, mandatory e-learning, and the loss of thousands of teacher and support staff positions will have on the province's students. Frustrated by a lack of progress at the bargaining table, OSSTF/FEESO members voted overwhelmingly in favour of job action earlier this month.

OSSTF/FEESO remains committed to negotiating solutions that are focused on quality learning environments, student success, and the continued viability of publicly-funded education in Ontario. All of OSSTF/FEESO's bargaining proposals, along with those from the management team of the Ford government and school board representatives, can be found at [www.bargainingforeducation.ca](http://www.bargainingforeducation.ca).

Getting to a negotiated settlement that is good for students, good for education and good for the future of Ontario will continue to be OSSTF/FEESO's priority in this process.

*OSSTF District 19 represents teachers, occasional teachers, and professional student services personnel.*

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