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Peel District School Board Projected to Lose 616 High School Teachers by 2023-2024

Mississauga, ON (November 6, 2019) – According to a report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), the Peel District School Board is projected to lose 616 high school teachers over the next four years as a result of larger class sizes.

<u>Behind the Numbers</u> recently released an interactive map based on this report that outlines the impact these changes will have across the province, allowing users to view the loss of teachers predicted for individual school boards. Viewers can see that some Ontario school boards will lose upwards of hundreds of high school teachers.

"If 616 secondary teachers are removed, this translates into over 3600 fewer classes for secondary students in Peel" says Andrew Sobolewski, President of the Teacher Bargaining Unit of OSSTF District 19. "These cuts limit the opportunities for students and will continue to have negative personal, social, and fiscal impacts for Ontario (www.BetterSchoolsStrongerEconomy.ca)."

While the CCPA report focuses on the impact education cuts will have on teachers, the ramifications reach beyond these numbers. Education workers throughout the province, such as support staff, social workers, office assistants, psychologists and other educational personnel, will also be impacted over the coming years. The Ford government cuts to education serve only to reduce the resources and supports available to students in the classroom.

With Ontario's Financial Accountability Office (FAO) forecasting that Doug Ford's cuts to education will result in over 10,000 fewer teachers in schools by 2023-24, there is a significant need for Ontarians to advocate for students and their learning environments. Learn more about the issues and take action to support students at www.HereForStudents.ca.

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

Interactive map link: http://behindthenumbers.ca/2019/10/30/board-by-board-impact-larger-class-sizes/

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