

PUBLIC EDUCATION CUTS BEGIN HITTING HOME



Our children and grandchildren need access to quality public education to succeed in life and to participate fully and equitably in society.

Giving our kids the best chance in life can only happen if our education system is set for success. That means creating safe school environments with smaller classrooms where every learner can thrive. It means treating school staff fairly so they can focus on being caring adults who help our kids thrive.

The Conservative government's education cuts are irresponsible and short-sighted. Their plan will permanently remove 10,000 teachers from classrooms. Their unwillingness to bargain in good faith is already putting pressure on 55,000 CUPE education workers – workers who make, on average, just \$38,000 a year. No one is buying the government's claim that our schools must suffer to resolve their manufactured fiscal crisis.

The drive to impose cuts to teaching and support staff, to school infrastructure, to educational supports, and to operating budgets of school boards will do irreparable harm. At the same time this government is enabling expansion of private schools, which promise smaller class sizes and individual achievement for a price.

Education unions are at the front lines standing up to government cuts. They are fighting for:

- **Classrooms to remain open**
- **Proper staffing**
- **Protected student programs**
- **A safe environment for learning and working**

**Support the struggle of education workers
as they defend publicly funded education and
fair conditions for their work.**