



FUNDING FORMULA

Twenty years ago Ontario adopted a badly flawed funding formula for the province's public education system. Designed to cut significant resources from the system and centralize control with the Ministry of Education, that formula was intended to advance the politics of division, not to meet the educational needs of students.

Twenty years later we are still waiting for a government that will address the flaws in the funding formula.

Today, the Ministry of Education and local school boards have a better understanding than ever of the many complex challenges our students face. Yet education funding remains tied almost entirely to enrolment numbers, with minimal consideration for special education, language support and other factors. This one-size-fits-all approach to funding is failing our students.

OSSTF/FEESO IS CALLING FOR AN INCLUSIVE FUNDING FORMULA BASED ON A NEW SET OF PRINCIPLES THAT SUPPORT:

- A full range of services and programs available to all students.
- The diversity of our students.
- Targeted funding for special needs students.
- Early learning programs to improve achievement in later grades.
- Equitable access to professional services that meet the needs of all students.
- Well-maintained, safe and accessible school infrastructure.
- Access to technology and other learning tools.
- The maintenance of funding levels through adjustments for inflation.
- The full education team.