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Kent Kowalski, OSSTF Branch President

Dear Mr. Kowalski,

Education workers are at the front lines of the fight against Doug Ford's cuts. Students, parents, teachers and education workers know the chaos that was created by increased class sizes; classes were cancelled, teaching positions were eliminated and students scrambled to get the classes they needed to graduate. Every parent knows that the individual attention of Ontario's world-class educators is a key driver of our students' success. Threatening their success with increased class sizes, mandatory online learning, and the elimination of caps makes no sense. It takes a tough situation and makes it worse.

Doug Ford has been spoiling for a fight with educators since day one, attacking teachers and trying to drive a wedge between students, teachers and parents. So let's be clear: the responsibility for this challenging situation rests squarely with the Premier.

Standing up for students is going to take all of us.

New Democrats stand together with you and your members in the fight for our public education system here in Ontario.

Regards,

Sol Mamakwa  
MPP, Kiiwetinoong

cc: Andrea Horwath, Leader of Ontario's Official Opposition New Democrats  
Marit Stiles, Education Critic for the Official Opposition, Ontario  
Harvey Bischoff, President (Chief Executive Officer), OSSTF