

How to talk about **#NoCutsToEducation** Over the *Holidays*

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THE TOP FACTS:

- ▷ The Ford government unilaterally imposed increases to class size averages.
 - 2018 average class size 22:1
 - 2019 average class size 22.5:1
 - Future - average class size 25:1 or more
- ▷ Multiple studies prove that mandatory e-Learning doesn't improve student success.
- ▷ The Ministry of Education cut spending by an average of \$54 per pupil compared to the 2018-19 school year.
- ▷ Ontario's students are highly successful, with graduation rates increasing to 87% in 2018.
- ▷ Each dollar of public education spending generates \$1.30 in total economic benefits to Ontario.

RESPONSES TO COMMON REBUTTALS:

Ford/Lecce Supporter:

Teachers are greedy.
They just want more money.

The Truth:

OSSTF/FEESO represents more than just teachers; many education workers/support staff make on average, \$38,000 per year. Asking to tie salary adjustments to inflation, keeping the real wage increase to zero, is reasonable.

Ford/Lecce Supporter:

I had 30+ students in class
when I was young and I did fine.

The Truth:

OSSTF/FEESO members care about the quality of the learning environment for students. The system has changed; more students with diverse learning needs are integrated into classrooms across the province, requiring more supports to ensure student success.

Ford/Lecce Supporter:

The PCs have made historic
investments in education.

The Truth:

Ontario spends the least per person on social program spending—already the lowest in the country—in 2019–20 the Ford government decreased education spending by an average of \$54 per pupil compared to the 2018–19 school year.

Ford/Lecce Supporter:

All teacher unions do is go on strike
whenever they don't get what they want.

The Truth:

The last province-wide strike
was over 20 years ago.

Ford/Lecce Supporter:

E-Learning is the way of the future.
We have to prepare students for this inevitability.

The Truth:

E-Learning can be good for some but should not be mandatory. Studies show that e-Learning has a higher drop-out rate than regular face-to-face programs.

OSSTF/FEESO PRIORITIES:

- ▷ Restore last year's class size average
- ▷ Fund schools to ensure all students have the supports they need
- ▷ Conduct a comprehensive study on the merits of mandatory e-Learning before making changes to graduation requirements
- ▷ Compensation tied to inflation

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