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Dear Colleagues:

The Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ) wishes to express its solidarity with all educators in Ontario, whose working conditions are being brutally attacked by the Ford government.

The Ford government's proposals to cut 10,000 teaching positions, increase class size, reduce course options in secondary schools, offer less resources and supports to the most vulnerable students, and transform the early childhood education program, are totally unacceptable and show that this government fails to understand the importance of education for the development of society.

As if that wasn't enough, in November 2019, the Ford government passed Bill 124, which caps any salary and benefit increase to 1% for all public sector workers, unionized or not, thereby denying the freedom of association and the fundamental labour rights enshrined in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

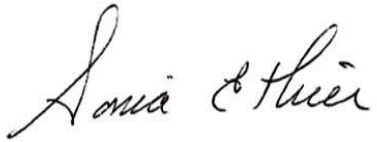
Considering events of such a scale, education union members have no choice but to mobilize and vote in favour of the strike, which they did massively.

In Quebec, CSQ members are facing similar contempt from the Legault government: employers' offers presented at the bargaining tables were deemed insulting, and Bill 40, adopted under a gag order and amending the *Loi sur l'instruction publique* (education act), will have negative consequences for the education system.

It is only through exemplary solidarity that we will be able to get these governments to backtrack.
Please know that we stand with you in your struggle.

In solidarity,

Sonia Ethier

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