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Lamia Sabbagh
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Dear Lamia,

Thank you for the work that your members do every day across our communities to ensure that students have bright, supported futures. I will always stand up for strong public education and will work to ensure all students in Ontario have opportunities and access to great public education.

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.

Premier 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. 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,

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