



BACKGROUND PROVIDING SAFE, HEALTHY LEARNING AND WORKING CONDITIONS



STRENGTHEN PUBLIC EDUCATION REBUILD ONTARIO

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Publicly-funded learning centres/schools and campuses should be a source of pride and full of opportunity in every Ontario community. Students, teachers, and education workers, in early learning to post-secondary, excel when there are safe, healthy, and well-maintained environments in which to learn and work.

Improving the quality of the learning and working environment requires significant, sustainable investment combined with proactive and culturally responsive measures, regulations and leadership from the next Ontario government and School Board Trustees.

Maintaining Safer, Healthier, and Accessible Schools

- A commitment of resources (human and financial) to address the \$16.3 billion repair backlog for Ontario schools.
- Adopt American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 62.1 “[Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality](#)” for all existing and future early learning centres, public schools, post-secondary institutions, and related work sites in Ontario.
- Complete a comprehensive physical review of every Ontario public school building, early learning centre, and post-secondary institution to establish stable funding for infrastructure.
- Hire additional staff to address safety concerns and prevent further disrepair of physical infrastructure.
- Additional, permanent funding to improve the infrastructure of the schoolyard and non-traditional learning/working environments in Ontario.
- Funding to meet the [2025 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act \(AODA\) deadline](#).

Addressing Violence in the Learning and Working Environment

- Establishing an Education Sector Regulation within the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.
- Provide mandatory, enhanced training to prevent and appropriately respond to violent incidents in schools.
- Ensure there is mandatory reporting and follow up of incidents of violence in schools, and that appropriate supports are available for students and staff that experience violence.
- Permanent funding to increase the number of qualified and trained adults employed by public/private early learning centres, public schools, and post secondary institutions in Ontario.