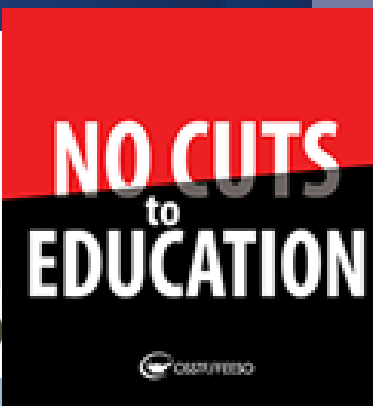




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Investing in education generates fiscal and economic benefits according to new study by the Conference Board of Canada

Yesterday a newly commissioned report based on research by the Conference Board of Canada provided evidence that provincial cuts to public education could impact high school graduation rates and lead to higher fiscal costs for the Ontario government. The report, entitled *The Economic Case for Investing in Education*, examines the impact of public education on the economy in Ontario. It was released yesterday at an Empire Club of Canada luncheon. The report's key findings include:

- Each dollar invested in public education generates \$1.30 in total economic impacts to Ontario. At the same time, the inverse holds true for each dollar taken from public education.
- Increased investment in public education that lifts Ontario's high school graduation rates to 90.0 per cent, matching the highest in the country, could generate average fiscal savings of \$16.4 million per year on social assistance, health care, and criminal justice. That could accrue to total savings of \$3.5 billion over the course of two decades.
- In a reverse scenario, where high school graduation rates instead fall to 82.6 per cent, Ontario would spend an additional \$18.0 million each year on these programs. Over a 20-year period, that could amount to total fiscal costs of \$3.8 billion.
- Each additional high school graduate saves the Ontario government (on average) \$2,767 each year on social assistance, health care, and

criminal justice, while each additional high school noncompleter costs the province \$3,128 each year.

• Public education can generate social benefits, such as a healthier population, a higher standard of living, and a reduction in crime. That lessens demand for Ontario's social assistance, public health care, and criminal justice services. "These findings are a clear indication that investment in public education benefits all of us by bolstering the economy and potentially reducing the costs of other programs and services," said OSSTF President Harvey Bischof. "It's also clear that the damage done when education is cut extends far beyond the school system and the students who rely on it."

You can view a [full copy of the Report](#) on a new campaign website called [Better Schools Stronger Economy](#). You are encouraged to read this report and share it widely with family and friends. Watch for social media posts that promote the findings of the report and please share!

Rainforest Café in Niagara Falls

The workers at the Rainforest Café are on strike for the right to unionize and bargain their first contract. The key issues include sexual harassment in the workplace, using worker tip-outs to pay management instead of back of house, and union busting. Part of what makes this fight so important is that sadly these practices are commonplace in the food service industry. These workers are at the forefront of the fight. If your travel plans take you to Niagara Falls, please respect this strike.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

I want to acknowledge that June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD). NIPD is an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. The history of First Nations, Inuit and Métis is essentially the very history of our country. Learn about the [history](#) of Indigenous peoples in Canada!

Change to Teacher Certification

OSSTF is working towards transferring our Certification Process to QECO. This is not meant to negatively impact any members. We are not sure exactly when the change will happen, but you will be informed of any changes that will impact the application process for rating statements. For the time being, the process is status quo.

Change of Leadership

I am leery to type "this is my last newsletter", because who knows what tomorrow may bring in Ontario! (I do understand that Doug is shuffling the deck chairs on the Titanic today!) I do want to make sure that everyone is aware that Christian Sell will be taking over for me on July 1st and Amanda Hawkins will be taking Christian's 1st Vice President position on the same day. Christian will be taking over the osstf28@gmail.com email address, and his cell number will be 613-585-2896. Please support Christian and Amanda in their new roles!

In Solidarity! - Jeff

Some photos from our Rally at John Yakabuski's office and social that followed on June 7th. Thanks to everyone who came out! (Photos courtesy of Aubrey Fletcher!)



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