



People advocating for safe, well-maintained public schools

SUBJECT: Will you prioritize repairing and rebuilding Ontario's public schools?

October 27, 2015

Dear Premier Wynne, Minister Sandals, Deputy Minister Zegarac & all Ontario MPPs:

All 72 school boards in Ontario have a capital repair backlog, for a total of **\$15-billion of disrepair in our province's public schools.**

The 2-million students who attend Ontario public schools deserve better – as do the countless children who attend **childcare/early learning** programs in these same schools; the adults who work every day in these buildings; and the community members who rely upon these buildings as important **community hubs.**

On October 19, Canadians voted for change. We gave the Federal Liberals a mandate to deliver on their promise to **increase investment in infrastructure – even if this means running a deficit.** In reaction to the majority win by the Federal Liberals, Premier Wynne said:

“Now that we have a federal partner with the same priority, we can do more and we can do it faster.”

Fix Our Schools agrees with this comment by Premier Wynne. We hope her sentiment will be applied to addressing the \$15-billion of disrepair in our province's school infrastructure. The \$11-billion in capital grants to school boards over 10 years is simply insufficient. **More public schools in this province must be repaired and rebuilt – and we must do it faster.**

So, as those with power over the funding of public schools in this province:

How much of the federal infrastructure money that is expected to flow to provincial coffers from our new Liberal Federal Government will you commit to repairing and rebuilding Ontario's public schools?

Public schools are a key component of our society's infrastructure – and must be funded as such. We look forward to hearing back from you with an answer to our question.

Kind regards,
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