



People advocating for safe, well-maintained public schools

SUBJECT: How will your government address the \$15-billion of disrepair in Ontario's publicly funded schools?

To: Premier Wynne, Treasury Secretary/Deputy Premier Matthews, Minister Sousa, Minister Duguid & Minister Sandals

CC: Acting Ontario Ombudsman Ms. Barbara Finlay

While we have heard back from the Minister of Education previously, we believe public school infrastructure must be prioritized by your government in the upcoming budget and, as such, **we request a coordinated response to the following three questions from all parties to whom this letter has been addressed:**

- Will you, as a provincial government, **release \$1.7-billion to fix the critical and urgent disrepair** the Auditor-General has confirmed exists in Ontario's publicly funded schools?
- **Will you increase annual provincial funding for school maintenance to provide the \$1.4-billion/year** to school boards that the Auditor-General has identified is required to maintain Ontario's publicly funded schools?
- **How will you address the remaining \$13.3-billion of capital repair items that provincial governments have allowed to accumulate in Ontario's publicly funded schools?**

The 2015 Auditor-General's report clearly shows that **your government has grossly and chronically underfunded the buildings in which 2-million Ontario children spend six hours each day**. With new infrastructure money coming from our federal government and a new provincial budget in the works – now is the time to take action and **Fix Our Schools**.

Publicly funded schools are a key component of our society's infrastructure – and must be funded as such. Your government's current commitment of \$11-billion in capital grants to school boards over 10 years is insufficient. **More publicly funded schools in this province must be repaired and rebuilt – and we must do it faster.**

We look forward to hearing back from you with a coordinated response to our questions above **by February 19, 2016.**

Kind regards,

Krista Wylie – Co-Founder, Fix Our Schools Campaign

On behalf of the over 1500 Ontario citizens currently engaged in this campaign

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