



People advocating for safe, well-maintained public schools

### **VISION:**

*Fix Our Schools is a grassroots, non-partisan, parent-led campaign creating a large network across Ontario to ensure the provision of adequate, stable provincial funding so that:*

- Every publicly funded school in Ontario is a safe, healthy, well-maintained building that provides an environment conducive to learning and working.
- The \$15-Billion repair backlog across all 72 Ontario school boards is eliminated in the next four years.
- Schools are funded as critical public infrastructure - on par with transit

### **CURRENT EDUCATION FUNDING FACTS:**

- Our Provincial government is responsible for providing all funding to build, repair, and maintain schools in Ontario.
- Between 2011 and 2016, our provincial government **underfunded school repairs by \$5.8-billion – gross and chronic underfunding!**
- Between 2011-2013, **provincial funding for school repairs was one-tenth of what industry standards suggest it OUGHT to have been to keep school assets in good repair.** Imagine sending your child to buy a week's worth of groceries and only giving them \$20. Would you be surprised when they failed to succeed? Of course not. You'd realize that as the parent with responsibility over funding groceries for the family, you'd only provided 1/10<sup>th</sup> of what was actually needed. The Provincial government is the parent and School Boards are the children, reliant on the Province for all funding.
- In June 2016, Premier Wynne's government increased annual funding for school repairs to \$1.4-billion – the amount it ought to have been all along to merely **keep** schools in a state of good repair; this new funding level has been protected for the 2017/18 budget cycle.
- Funding solutions still must be found for the **\$15-billion of disrepair** that was allowed to accumulate in Ontario's schools over the past 20 years.

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### HOW CAN YOU HELP THE CAMPAIGN?

- Subscribe to our e-mail list: [www.fixourschools.ca](http://www.fixourschools.ca)
- Engage with us on **Facebook**: Fix Our Schools, or on **Twitter**: @Fix\_Our\_Schools
- Send us photos or stories of disrepair to [info@fixourschools.ca](mailto:info@fixourschools.ca)
- If you're prepared to talk to media, contact us and we can work with you to facilitate media coverage of your specific concerns
- Contact Premier Wynne, Education Minister Hunter and your local MPP to ask them how they plan to eliminate the \$15-B of disrepair in our children's schools and ensure our children have healthy, safe environments that are conducive to learning.
- The next provincial election is in June 2018. When candidates are at your door campaigning, ask them the same questions as above!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP FIX YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL?

- Contact your Principal and offer to work with them to get the fixes needed at your school. Principals are as frustrated as parents in most cases but do not have access to the money needed to fix schools.
- Contact your Trustee and offer to work with them as well to get the problems fixed. Trustees also do not have access to the money needed to fix schools.
- Contact your local MPP, the Minister of Education and the Premier to let them know you are alarmed that the funding provided by the provincial government has led to schools being in such a state of disrepair and ask them for their solutions. They will blame the school boards. Don't let them pass the buck. The provincial government has the responsibility to provide adequate, stable funding needed for education in this province and they have failed to do that for over two decades.
- If you're prepared to talk to media, contact us at [info@fixourschools.ca](mailto:info@fixourschools.ca) and we can work with you to facilitate media coverage of your specific concerns.

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