

SHOCKING LEVEL OF REPAIRS OUTSTANDING IN ETOBICOKE SCHOOLS

Government data show \$611.8 Million of school disrepair in all 3 Etobicoke ridings, including Premier's



Etobicoke schools still waiting for provincial funding for **over half a billion in outstanding repairs** — impacting HVAC systems, roofs, foundations & drinking water— despite many Ontario MPP's signing a pledge to address this issue in the last election.

PLEDGE SIGNATORIES



ETOBICOKE

Congratulations to some of the many candidates who have pledged to support the creation of a State of Good Repair Standard for Ontario school buildings.

The province's own data is compelling — Wedgewood Junior Public School needs \$4.7-M in repairs, Park Lawn Junior Middle School clocks in at \$6.6-M, and Braeburn Junior School \$4-M.

Krista Wylie, co-founder of Fix Our Schools, a non-partisan school advocacy group, warns of the impacts on the health of Ontario students during a critical period when well maintained schools are essential. Wylie's example is compelling: "Braeburn Junior School has so many outstanding repairs that their cost would fund 61% of a brand new school. They include 15 urgent repairs such as HVAC ventilation, heat, wiring & washrooms. Children spend 6+ hours a day in these schools."

Fix Our Schools, an Ontario-wide campaign, approached every candidate running in the 2018 provincial election with a pledge request. They asked candidates to **"make a commitment to ensure that our schools are safe, healthy, well-maintained buildings that provide environments conducive to learning and working."** This included creating a State of Good Repair Standard by 2022 that would put standards, measurements & metrics in place for school buildings and fund them.

Hundreds of candidates signed the pledge and a full 58 of those signatories became Members of Provincial Parliament. Twenty-three Progressive Conservative MPP's were signatories. In Etobicoke, both MPP Christine Hogarth and MPP Kinga Surma had committed to improve school conditions by bringing them up to an accepted standard by 2022.

Despite the power of a PC majority government, no action has been taken on the development of this standard to date. Schools in Premier Ford's riding need a whopping \$178.4-Million in repairs.

Fix Our Schools has routinely called on the province to fund schools wisely. "Taxpayer dollars are wasted because the government has refused to fund proactive repairs. Every building manager knows that reactive repairs cost more than regular maintenance."

I,


candidate for the riding:



Pledge to the People of Ontario that I Will:

- 1 Support the development of an Ontario-wide **"State of Good Repair Standard"** for all publicly funded schools so that these public assets are safe, healthy, well-maintained buildings that provide environments conducive to learning and working;
- 2 Support the provision of adequate, stable funding needed to ensure that by 2022 all Ontario schools meet this **"State of Good Repair Standard"**.

Please sign, then scan and send to info@fixourschools.ca

Signature Date



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BACKGROUND ON ONTARIO SCHOOL DISREPAIR

Why is a Standard of Good Repair so vital?

[Click for link to Fix Our Schools FAQ.](#)

- Increased academic performance and decreased absenteeism
- Increased ventilation because Covid is airborne
- Removing health issues related to aging buildings will improve the health of students
- Schools are valuable assets owned by taxpayers that need to be maintained to keep their value
- The lack of crucial technology and stable wi-fi is related to the disrepair backlog
- School building conditions impact Ontario's economy

The vast majority of outstanding Ontario school repairs are large, vital systems - but small items can still be dangerous



What does a typical school repair list look like?

Lists of urgent repairs typically include all the basics: ventilation (HVAC), heat (hot water boilers), power (electricity transformers), drinking water, structural issues, leaking roofs, and emergency exits.

Wedgewood Junior Public School needs 30 high/urgent repairs

[Click for link to Wedgewood JS repair list](#)

| Brief Description | Priority |
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| A101004 Standard Foundations Repairs - Damp proofing Repairs Renewal | Urgent |
| Auxiliary Equipment - HVAC Pumps Renewal | Urgent |
| Auxiliary Equipment - Stacks & Breaching Renewal | Urgent |
| Hot Water Boilers - Boiler #1 Renewal | Urgent |
| 7G204001 Wrought Iron Fencing Renewal | High |
| C102007 Interior Doors - Hardware Renewal | High |
| C103001 Fittings - Washroom Partitions - Water Closet Renewal | High |
| C103002 Fittings - Washroom Accessories Renewal | High |
| C302015 Floor Finishes - Vinyl Sheet Renewal | High |
| Controls & Instrumentation- BAS Renewal | High |
| Domestic Water Distribution - DHWT #1 Renewal | High |
| Domestic Water Distribution - Sump Pump Renewal | High |
| Exhaust Systems Renewal | High |
| Exterior Doors - Hollow Metal Doors Renewal | High |
| Exterior Walls - Masonry Localized Deficiencies Renewal | High |
| Exterior Windows - Classroom Windows Renewal | High |
| Fittings - Millwork Renewal | High |
| Floor Finishes - Carpet Flooring Renewal | High |
| Floor Finishes - Hardwood Renewal | High |

NOTE: These long repair lists do NOT include repairing portables, filtering or monitoring classroom air, removing lead in drinking water (63% of schools), remediating asbestos (70% of schools), solving poor classroom temperatures (no A/C in schools and poorly heated classrooms), or accessibility retrofits (AODA deadline is 2025). The province does not track these repair, remediation or renovation needs.

Which MPP's pledged to create a Standard of Good Repair?

[Click here for detailed list](#)

What were the details of the pledge?

[Click for link to Pledge Guide](#)

