

# SHOCKING LEVEL OF REPAIRS OUTSTANDING IN SCARBOROUGH SCHOOLS

Government data show \$1.1-Billion of school disrepair in all 6 Scarborough ridings



Scarborough schools still waiting for provincial funding for **\$1.1 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



### SCARBOROUGH

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 — West Rouge Public School needs \$4.4-M in repairs, Wexford Collegiate clocks in at \$16.6-M, and North Agincourt Junior Public School \$3.1-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: "West Rouge Junior Public School has so many outstanding repairs that their cost would fund 55% of a brand new school. They include 11 urgent repairs such as HVAC ventilation, heat, wiring & water. 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 Scarborough, MPP Christana Mitras had committed to improve school conditions by bringing them up to an accepted standard.

Despite the power of a PC majority government, no action has been taken on the development of this standard to date.

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](mailto:info@fixourschools.ca)

Signature  Date

 [FixOurSchools.ca](http://FixOurSchools.ca) 

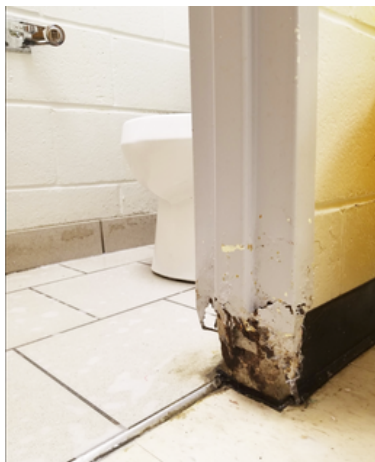
# BACKGROUND ON ONTARIO SCHOOL DISREPAIR

## 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.

## West Rouge Junior Public School needs 11 urgent repairs

[Click for link to West Rouge JPS repair list](#)

Brief Description	Priority
A101004 Standard Foundations Repairs - Parging repairs Renewal	Urgent
Auxiliary Equipment - Expansion Tanks Renewal	Urgent
Auxiliary Equipment - HVAC Pumps Renewal	Urgent
Auxiliary Equipment - Stacks & Breaching Renewal	Urgent
Electrical Service and Distribution - Panelboards Renewal	Urgent
Fin Tube Radiation Units - Perimeter Heating Renewal	Urgent
Heated Water Distribution Systems - Pipes and Fittings Renewal	Urgent
Hot Water Boilers - Boilers #1 and #2 Renewal	Urgent
Lighting and Branch Wiring - Exterior Lighting - Wall Mounted Renewal	Urgent
Main Switchboards - Switchgear Renewal	Urgent
Site Civil/Mechanical Utilities Renewal	Urgent
C1030 - Fittings - Washroom Renewal	High
C302004 Floor Finishes - Vinyl Tile Renewal	High
Controls and Instrumentation - BAS Renewal	High
Controls and Instrumentation - Pneumatic Renewal	High
D502006 Lighting and Branch Wiring - Stage Lighting 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](#)

