

School Council
Adam Beck Junior Public School
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VIA EMAIL AND MAIL

Dear Adam Beck staff,

We, the Adam Beck JPS School Council, are writing to express our solidarity with education workers at our school, and across the province. First, we want to acknowledge your hard work, teaching and caring for each of our children every day. Thank you!

As parents, we are deeply concerned and angered about the recently announced provincial education cuts. We understand how seriously our children will be affected by these cuts, from our youngest children entering kindergarten to our oldest children in high schools. We also know that working conditions for teachers and support staff will be greatly eroded by these cuts and that some educators and school support staff face losing their jobs.

As education workers prepare to enter contract negotiations in August 2019, we expect the Ford government will attempt to turn parents against teachers. We won't allow it. We believe our educators and support staff should be treated with respect. Your working conditions are our children's learning conditions. In the case of labour actions, parents will support educators and school support staff.

As parents we support high-quality, fully funded and equitable public education, including:

- Low class caps, excellent needs-support, no mandatory e-learning, and well-maintained buildings.
- Funding that provides equitable enrichment opportunities across the system and reduces the burden on school-based fundraising.
- An inclusive curriculum and respect for the diversity of our students and educators.

As parents, we know our schools need more funding, not less. United we can effectively fight for the fully funded and equitable public education system all children deserve.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of Adam Beck JPS School Council

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