

ETFO applauds education plan in NDP's election platform

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TORONTO, ON – The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) applauds the education plan put forward today by the NDP as part of their election platform. If implemented, it would bring long-needed improvements to Ontario's public education system.

The NDP plan outlines a number of commitments that enable educators to better support students, including:

- bringing in lower class sizes by capping Kindergarten classes at 26 and Grades 4 to 8 at 24;
- increasing special education funding to give students the support they need;
- adding more mental health supports/workers;
- ending violence against education workers;
- hiring teachers and education workers to address staff shortages;
- ending hybrid learning models that leave students without direct attention and support;
- addressing the school repair backlog;
- ending EQAO testing and driving improvement in other ways; and
- rolling back damaging funding cuts made by the Ford government.

Ontario students deserve a high-quality, equitable, inclusive public education system. Investment in this world-class system is the key to Ontario's post-pandemic social and economic recovery.

ETFO calls on all political parties to commit to making the permanent investments in public education that Ontario students deserve.

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