

WE THE STUDENTS DEMAND



ELIMINATE TUITION FEES FOR ALL

- Ontario has some of the highest tuition fees in the country.
- Tuition fees in Ontario have increased for over a decade to make up for government funding shortfalls.
- The average post-secondary student in Ontario graduates with over \$28,800 in debt.

The government MUST reduce and eliminate tuition fees for ALL students.



PUBLIC FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Ontario has the lowest per-student funding in Canada - roughly 35% less than the national average.
- Underfunding leads to large class sizes, less access to instructors and professors, high tuition fees and crumbling campus infrastructure.
- Less than 50% of operating budgets for most institutions come from the government making them publicly assisted not publicly funded.

The government MUST increase public funding for public education.

GET INVOLVED!

Text ACTION to 647-493-0734

to receive information on actions, meetings and announcements on post-secondary education.

Visit cfsontario.ca/action

to email your MPP to stop the Ontario Government's attack on students!

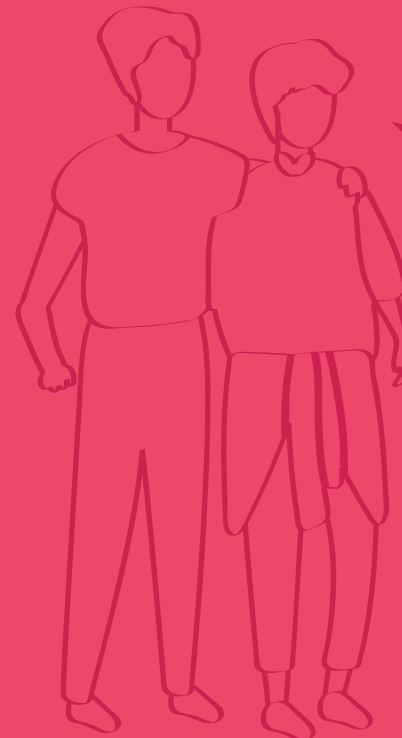
Want to get involved directly on campus?

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for more information on joining **We The Students**.



HANDS OFF OUR STUDENTS' UNIONS!



How do the changes to Ontario's post-secondary education system affect me?

1 STUDENT "CHOICE" INITIATIVE

The Student "Choice" Initiative removes collective membership dues for student-run groups and organizations. It makes fees that students have voted on through democratic referenda optional. It will reduce the ability of students' unions to represent and provide services for their members.



2 OSAP

Interest will begin accumulating on student loans immediately after graduation. Students who are in need of financial assistance will be forced to take out a loan no matter their financial situation.

3 10% REDUCTION IN TUITION FEES

While a 10% reduction provides some relief for students, this reduction does not include a much-needed increase in public funding. Institutions will need to make up for the funding shortfall through budget cuts. International students whose tuition fees remain unregulated will likely see an increase in their fees to make up for this loss.

HERE'S HOW THE STUDENT "CHOICE" INITIATIVE WILL IMPACT STUDENT LIFE ON CAMPUS

Essential services offered by your students' union will be jeopardized, including:

- > program and faculty associations;
- > independent student media;
- > academic and support services;
- > financial supports for student clubs, societies and groups;
- > services such as skills-building workshops and professional development opportunities; and
- > the ability to negotiate labour terms and hold administration accountable.

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PROTECT STUDENTS' INDEPENDENT VOICES

- > As autonomous organizations, students' unions have the right to advocate for prosperity of student life.
- > Student-led initiatives hold administration and government accountable and are an essential aspect of campus life.
- > Student media serves as an outlet for students to have their voices heard, as well as, a way to report on what matters to the student body as a whole.

The government MUST immediately eliminate the harmful Student Choice Initiative.



THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

- > Students' unions exist on campuses around the world to provide students with a united voice, create space, advocate for change and operate essential support services.
- > Student union autonomy allows students to have control over what services, events, and campaigns they value most on campus. Students have democratically voted to fund services, events, campaigns, student media and student groups through the collection of dues.

The government MUST protect the existence of students' unions by passing legislation that recognizes their autonomy at post-secondary institutions.



GRANTS NOT LOANS

- > In 2017, over 234,000 students (40% of the domestic, full-time student population) received non-repayable grants to pursue college or university.
- > Recent government changes have reverted grants to loans, which will result in increased debt for students.
- > Public education should be a right, not a debt sentence.

The government MUST increase funding for grants instead of loans and expand eligibility for non-repayable grants to ALL students.