

# FAIRNESS FOR STUDENTS

**STUDENTS FOR STRONGER PUBLIC SERVICES NOW!**



## Quality of Education

Increasing class sizes, the cutting of full-time permanent positions, and overworked staff impact the most vulnerable students by limiting their ability to receive high quality post-secondary.

Due to a lack of government funding for post-secondary education, the burden of maintaining the institutions has been increasingly placed on the shoulders of students and their families. The Ontario government has fallen short over the past eight years, consistently ranking the lowest in per-student funding among all Canadian provinces.

### Quick Facts



**\$7,692** | the amount of per-student funding Ontario institutions receive.



**\$12,562** | the average amount of per-student funding for institutions in other provinces.



**31:1** | the average student to faculty ratio in Ontario, the highest in the country.



**22:1** | the average student to faculty ratio in Canada.

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### Students Respond

The Federation brings student representatives from across the province to Toronto every year where they meet with Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) at Queen's Park. During this time representatives present the Federations pre-budget submission to individual MPPs in advance of the provincial budget. These meetings outline many key priorities that are specific to representatives' locals (e.g. lack of accessible infrastructure, graduate student corporatization, or teaching ratios) while ensuring the government does not lose sight of the broader funding picture in ensuring that institutions receive strong financial support.

### Students Mobilize

Declining levels of institutional funding weakens the quality of education in our province.

To ensure that every post-secondary student in Ontario receives a high-quality education, government must provide institutions with robust financial support to address issues such as increased student enrolment and inactive full-time faculty hiring.

If you are proud to support high-quality post-secondary education, please commit to the following action items.

**1** Pressure your candidates in this election to commit to more funding for post-secondary education.

**2** Support events and campaigns by your local faculty association.

**3** Registering to vote in the 2018 provincial election.