

# FAIRNESS FOR STUDENTS

**STUDENTS FOR STRONGER PUBLIC SERVICES NOW!**



## Transit

Students are heavily dependent on public transit and feel that the cost of transit fares burn through their pockets. The reality is many students travel between different regions, causing them to pay into multiple transit systems. Skyrocketing tuition fees, increases in precarious work and spikes in the cost of living have made transit less affordable. In addition to high transit fares, many students struggle with transit inaccessibility. Whether it is the lack of wheelchair accessible platforms or inconsistent transit routes and timings, public transit has become unreliable. Students need a transit system that is affordable and accessible for all.

### Quick Facts



**60%** | Students who take public transit to school.



**150%** | Amount that transit fares have increased since 2010.



**\$1,200** | Average spending per year on transit fares.

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## Students Respond

The Federation is working to secure greater provincial and municipal investments in public transit to ensure that these systems are publicly owned and operated, and that fares are kept at an affordable rate.

The Federation is collecting information through a transit survey to better understand how students are getting to and from campus in order to propose alternative solutions to ensure commutes are efficient in getting students from point A to point B. **Complete the survey at [cfsontario.ca/transit-survey](https://cfsontario.ca/transit-survey).**

The Federation is also working to support students with unique transit needs, such as students in Northern Ontario, students with specific accessibility needs, and students from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

## Students Mobilize

It is time to push the provincial government to support publicly owned and operated transit, affordable fares and accessible infrastructure.

Become a part of these efforts by pressuring your candidates to:

- 1 Increase funding to keep transit public.**
- 2 Subsidize transit fares for students.**
- 3 Consult students and other stakeholders when upgrading and building new transit infrastructure.**