



People advocating for safe, well-maintained public schools

Vision:

We are a grassroots, non-partisan, parent-led campaign creating a large network of citizens across Ontario who all expect:

- Every Ontario public school student to attend a **safe, well-maintained school**
- The \$15-billion of disrepair across all 72 Ontario school boards to be addressed
- Public schools to be funded as critical public infrastructure - on par with transit

Fix Our Schools' Provincial Pre-Budget Consultation Recommendations:

Short-term:

- Revise O. Reg. 20/98 to **allow all School Boards to access EDCs** and use EDC money for repairs, capital projects **or** land purchase.
- Allocate some of the **new federal infrastructure funding** to increase investment in repairing and rebuilding schools
- **Allocate the capital costs** of maintaining school buildings and associated green spaces used as community hubs, **in proportion to usage** by school boards, municipalities and ministries

Long-term:

- Secure a **long-term, sustainable funding source** to maintain schools as critical public infrastructure – such as **returning the power of taxation to school boards for capital.**

Are “Made in Toronto” Funding Solutions Possible? Will the City of Toronto consider:

- Making a change at the municipal level to allow **all** Toronto school boards to levy EDCs on all new residential and commercial developments, and to use EDC money for repairs, capital projects **or** land purchase?
- Sharing the capital costs of the green spaces provided by Toronto’s schools – which greatly benefit Torontonians? Or even purchasing some green spaces from school boards?
- Waiving development fees for new school builds?
- Fast-tracking permits, including zoning permits, for school boards so that these important public infrastructure projects take priority over private developments?
- Advocating to the provincial government to return the power of taxation to local school boards for capital?