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Free and Fair Collective Bargaining Works

Today's announcement from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) confirms that draconian legislation and the use of oppressive tools, such as the notwithstanding clause, are not necessary to achieve fairly negotiated agreements.

When done in good faith, free and fair collective bargaining works.

The Ford government's overreach was an affront to workers' Charter rights and disregarded the meaningful collaboration that should be the hallmark of negotiations. Through a collective bargaining process that respects the free and fair exchange of ideas between stakeholders, we can strengthen publicly funded education. That is the goal.

Congratulations to CUPE's bargaining team, backed by the Ontario School Board Council of Unions – Conseil des syndicats des conseils scolaires de l'Ontario (OSBCU-CSCSO)'s 55,000 members. OSBCU-CSCSO members have the opportunity to vote on a freely bargained contract and the labour community is more united than ever.

In Solidarity.

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