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Subject: Bill C148

Dear Law Amendments Committee:

I am a Grade 8 and 9 teacher in the CCRSB, and I am respectfully asking that you listen to teachers when designing education policy and please stop trying to ram it down our throats. I am a great teacher, I am fun, respectful, kind, empathetic and hardworking. However, Government cutbacks have had a negative impact on my classroom (larger classroom sizes) and less time to plan, prep and mark, which means I am doing this into the evening, affecting my family life significantly.

Don't get me wrong, I love my job and I mean LOVE my job, but pushing Bill C148 through quickly without listening to teachers will not create the atmosphere of trust and respect you need to build rapport with teachers, to move forward without a lot of conflict and angry feelings. There must be some way in which we can deal with this in a way that everyone feels they have a voice, that they are heard! There must be a healthy way of communicating and interacting without causing us to be at odds. Doing this before the holidays when everyone is overwhelmed as it is, is just not showing us that you would like to deal fairly and listen to what we have to say.

Please consider my request and slow down this process so that we can breathe, take a step back and then come at it again in the New Year. It is Christmas after all, and if miracles can't happen at this time of year, then when can they?

Respectfully,

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