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I have been a high school teacher for twenty years. During that time I have seen the quality of our education system decline. My biggest pet peeve is when international students come here for an education, usually working in their second language, and they talk about how easy the curriculum is. We need to update the curriculum. We need to be global contenders. I have seen students who barely attended classes cross the graduation stage. How? This year at my school, documented student needs justified the hiring of four more educational assistants however we lost an EA because of budget restrictions. I don't feel that my own children are getting the best education possible; there is a lack of expectation, work ethic, and accountability. My colleagues and I are embarrassed to be a part of this system. Most of us love our jobs and are trying to do our best with limited resources. We will continue to do so regardless of failed negotiations and imposed contracts. But we deserve better. The students deserve better. Nova Scotia can and should be better. A solid Attendance Policy, Retention Policy, and an investment in classroom resources and updated curriculums is what is necessary for improved student learning. It is our obligation to fix this now.

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