

My name is Emma Fitzgerald and I am a student at Cabot Education Centre. I am writing to express my feelings about the whole mess between the government and the teachers, and also how students and I are affected. The struggle for teachers didn't just start a couple months ago it started a while ago. Their problems didn't just pop up in one day, it happened overtime when they started to realize that they can't teach over 30 kids in a class at one time, or kids who need help in school can't get the help they need. I am a honours student who has not been getting the help or attention I need to keep my grades up. This goes the other way too, for kids who struggle in class and need extra help aren't getting it. Nobody is getting the help they need not even the teachers. Everyday I sit in a class with 32 kids in it. That's 32 minds that need to be taught and 32 people who need help. One teacher isn't going to be able to do that in one hour. I ask my teacher for help when we start our work at the start of class and don't receive it until we need to pack up, but sometimes I don't get it at all. Now don't think the teachers don't want to help the students they just put the children who really struggle and need extra help first. That's why teachers need extra help in the classroom so they can get to everyone in the hour.

So all the basketball players and their parents are pretty mad about basketball not continuing when work to rule is set in place. That's not the big picture here. But let's say it was, with kids not getting the education they need their marks are going down. Bad marks lead to no sports. So either way you should support the teachers through this. Everyone should because if there weren't teachers there wouldn't be any doctors, dentists, electricians, carpenters or anything that you need in your life. Just think about that for a second. Trust me, I'm not a big fan of work to rule but if it means for students and I to maybe get a better education in school I will support it and I hope everyone does the same.

Now I'm speaking to Karen Casey and Stephen McNeil when I say this. I'm not going to call you down to the lowest or disrespect you but I just want to know why you won't help not only the teachers but the students also. If you don't want to help the teachers think about the students please. Stephen McNeil, imagine if your daughter was younger and in school right now do you think she would be getting good education? I'm sure you would like the best for her but right now she wouldn't be getting it. Karen Casey, you were a teacher before. Surely if you still were a teacher you would have a different perspective on this. Put yourself in their shoes and just see and understand what is happening to them and their students. I don't know if it's about the money or what just please hear the teachers' voices.

As my closing I just want to repeat that students and I are affected by this as of the teachers. I hope this changed the way you look at this mess even just a little bit. Like I said to Karen Casey and Stephen McNeil, put yourself in their shoes and see if you would help the children. Not only the ones that are struggling, but everyone who isn't receiving help. This isn't a small matter. It affects everyone.

~ "The mediocre teacher tells, the good teacher explains, the superior teacher demonstrates and the great teacher inspires."~