Learning has always come naturally to me. Ever since I was little my parents have attended parent teacher only to be told that I was a wonderful student and a pleasure to have in the class room. Since my class was so small we were never exposed to how hard teachers really had it. There was only 15 or 16 kids so usually we could all get the amount of help we needed. It wasn't until we moved on to junior high that I started to realize how hard it really was to teach a class. My grade 7 year I had 28 kids in my class and my teachers had to work extra hard to make sure we all could get the help we needed. I was always really independent and could teach myself for the most part but as we move up in the years I find it harder and harder to figure things out on my own, but also feel too guilty to ask the teachers for extra help when I know that there are other kids who need and deserve it more than I do. If things stay the same with the teachers who knows what's going to happen to all of us. Kids who have the potential to become doctors and cure diseases such as cancer could end up working less than minimum wage jobs for the rest of their lives because they never got the attention they needed to develop their skills fully and It makes me sick to my stomach to think that political figures such as Stephen McNeil, Karen Casey, and everyone else that were elected to represent us that I am supposed to look up to are causing this to happen by imposing a contract onto our teachers.

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