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As has been presented to the committee by many, many people today, Bill 75 is travesty.

Ultimately, we all want what is best what is best for the kids.

Legislation back to work is a knee-jerk reaction that will back fire. Teachers forced back to work will not naturally move back into volunteer roles.

The core of the problem is that more teachers, guidance councillors are needed in the classroom now!

At some point, we may need to have existing administers (not a new committee) figure out the fine points of who, what when. But what can be done now - to show good faith - is scrap Bill 75 and do an immediate job posting for 100 teachers on Monday (the number that could be interviewed at one time) and follow-up with more later. That will show positive action. Teachers will understand that it is an approximate number - and that adjustments need to be made later - but it will be a start.

Finally - I have listened to the livestreaming today. Have you?? If you have, there is no way that you can in good conscious proceed with Bill 75.

There is an old expression "pay me now, or pay me later". If the government does not invest in education now - we will feel the consequences later - in social problems and economic problems. Our young families will go elsewhere as they seek better educational opportunities for our children. We will start a downward spiral that will be very difficult to stop.

This hard-headed approach by the Premier is wrong. Hopefully he has the strength of mind to see that it needs to be reversed.

Sincerely

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