From: Sent: To: Subject: Kristin Hill Saturday, March 03, 2018 7:41 AM Office of the Legislative Counsel Our Schools

I am writing to you to inform you of my concerns about reforms to the education system. I have two children in a school with a teaching principal. This principal goes above and beyond every single day for students and staff. You feel the school family atmosphere when you step in the building. This positive, welcoming atmosphere is at risk.

The removal of administrators from the union creates a divide in staff. Principals are no longer primarily a team member, they are now managers. Instead of diving into schools with hearts and souls, principals must now manage them. Think about the difference between a parent whose style is to nurture and support their children and a parent who manages their children. Not what you would think would be most beneficial to the family. This is what is being done to schools- it's heartbreaking.

Evidence is being brought forth from provinces who have experienced the negative impact of this change. Why do you ignore this evidence? Where is the evidence to support that it will be any different in Nova Scotia? Especially with teachers across the province who have already lost faith in government to make good, meaningful decisions for the education system.

Please take time to discuss with experts in other provinces where the system has failed. Learn from these experiences instead of repeating the same mistakes. The children deserve better than this. Parents like myself deserve better than this. I am frustrated that this government appears to be ignoring red flags presented by teachers in Nova Scotia and across Canada. This is are our front line for children. These educators are professionals- they know of what they speak. Unlike some members of government with ZERO experience in the education system.

I fear for what is to come.

Sincerely,

A concerned parent and a tax payer of this province for

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