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RE: College Employer Council – OPSEU Stalemate

Dear Premier Wynne;

Constituents in the riding of Sarnia-Lambton have become increasingly concerned with the provincial government's handling of the faculty strike at Ontario's 24 public colleges.

Dozens of students, parents, striking faculty, and their family members have contacted my office to voice their frustration. The government's hands off approach to this dispute has allowed the negotiations to drag on and has resulted in an insurmountable stalemate.

I previously wrote to the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development on October 20th asking that she act immediately to get both parties in this dispute back to the negotiating table. It was incredibly disappointing that it took another 11 days for the provincial mediator to take action and have bargaining resume.

You have publicly commented that now your government won't act until after the special vote is finished on November 16th. That means students must sit and worry about their future for at least one more week. This is an unnecessary burden for these students. Premier if you won't take action to end this dispute, will you at least publicly guarantee today that no student will lose their semester because of this strike?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Bailey, MPP
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