

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas, the recent occurrences of violence against racialized children at Alpine Public School (Waterloo Region District School Board) has left communities and families traumatized

Whereas, a teacher at Parkdale Collegiate (Toronto District School Board) wore Blackface, a blatant form of anti-Black racism and violence, to school for Halloween

Whereas, the Conservative government was forced to temporarily take over the Peel District School Board after community demanded action to address anti-Black racism within the Board of Trustees

Whereas, in the Anti-Racism Act, 2017, the Liberals left it to the discretion of a Minister to collect race-based data system-wide in their Ministry.

Whereas ETFO, AEFA, OECTA and OSSTF/FEESO, signed a joint statement on September 28, 2021 to the Conservative government that reads in part ""While the Ontario government is on record as committing to legislative and system changes to 'advance equal opportunity of Black, Indigenous, and racialized students,' we question how sincere this commitment is, given that it has turned its back on funding programs that have proven impact and that show evidence of lasting change."

We the undersigned call on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

To use the powers of the Anti-Racism Act, 2017 to conduct a system-wide equity audit in all Ontario public schools;

To create a line item with dedicated funding in the Ontario budget to specifically address the equity gaps in schools outlined as a result of the equity audit;

To immediately implement a streamlined, province-wide data collection system using the data standards that were developed as legislated by the Anti-Racism Act, 2017 to collect race-based data for students, education workers, school boards and other staff to illuminate gaps in representation across educational institutions.

Signed: _____ on _____ (date)

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