



Good evening,

We had an opportunity to meet with Krista Wylie from Fix Our Schools this week. This organization is focused on the physical state of our schools and continued political pressure to ensure that funding is designated to school repairs.

We had the opportunity to share our concerns with campaign to date.

- Funding is needed but we also need our members; trades, caretakers, custodians and maintenance, to be doing the work not outside contractors
- Boards need to deploy more staff – the ongoing reduction of staff has led to staff gapping and/or understaffing meaning that upkeep cannot possibly be done. We referenced the daily up keep required to maintain a facility and the fact that we often hear of 1 staff per secondary school
- The need is as great or greater outside of the GTA

The organization was very receptive to our feedback. To that end we are reaching out to you, our local leaders and membership, to help provide quality content that Fix Our Schools can use.

We are requesting the following

- Photos of disrepair of facilities in your areas
- Anecdotal stories of facilities issues – eg short staffing, work orders unprocessed, shoddy contractor work, etc

All stories will be vetted by the OSBCU and will be sent to Fix Our Schools as allowed. Please specify in your submission if you wish to remain anonymous or if we may mention the region and/or school

Submissions may also be used during the bargaining process.

Please submit all submissions to Mike Maguire (mmaguire@osbcu.ca) and Rod McGee (rmcgee@osbcu.ca)

In Solidarity

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