Dear Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario members,

Ontario parents and families stand with education workers to reverse cuts to education and settle a fair deal. We see how the current government is suggesting that families and educators are somehow on opposite sides of this issue. The government is attempting to drive a wedge between us. We will not allow it. We know you are taking a stand for our children.

Educators and families share exactly the same goals: quality, well-funded education for our students. That means 2018/2019 class averages with staff, supports, and classroom caps, special education supports, and FDK with a teacher/DECE. That's what this job action is about.

We are working hard to raise our voices as parents and families to let the government know how harmful these cuts are. We also recognize the power you have in the fight to protect our schools. Please don’t move. Our demands are reasonable. We want all cuts off the table. We want an education system our children can learn and thrive in.

Thousands of people across Ontario people are pledging to support to you on the picket line next week. Please ask your friends and family to sign the pledge at www.ourschools.ca. Please talk to every parent you can and explain the issues. Parents will understand and support you. We are gathering stories of parents plans for strike support from picket line visits, bringing hot drinks and food, opening their homes for teachers and helping each other with childcare.

Stay strong. We can win this fight together. Let’s get those cuts reversed.

In solidarity and respect,
Ontario Parent Action Network