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**Subject:** Teachers

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Good day,

I submitted the below email to the Premier of Ontario and that office suggested I share it with the city of Hamilton for discussion.

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**Date:** Wed., Jul. 15, 2020, 11:44

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**To:** <[doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)>

Mr. Ford,

Ive heard that 66% of parents feel comfortable sending their kids back to school full time. Ive heard that 71% of students feel comfortable going back to school full time. Ive heard that a mere 41% of teachers feel comfortable going back to school full time.

Lets be frank here. Teachers have enjoyed their extra log vacation and the pay increase you gave them during a time when people were losing their jobs. Is it really a wonder why they don't want to go back to the classroom? COVID has nothing to do with this. I would argue that many of them have picked up side jobs because they have more liberties in their day.

All while parents have had to pick up the slack at the detriment of their own careers.

Now, I see the TDSB asking for more money to hire more teachers because of the reduced class sizes. This money could have come from the pay increase you gave them. What a mess Mr. Ford.

As it turns out, the teachers are getting all their demands met with more money and smaller class sizes. None of it to benefit our children.

Kids need to go back to school full time and the teachers don't need anymore money. They need to suck it up and do their jobs like the rest of us.

If I have to stay home to help teach my son, I deserve a portion of his teachers wage.

Let me also ask you this. What do you think gym teachers, music teachers, shop teachers, librarians, etc, have been doing this while time of remote learning? I can tell you that at my sons school, they have been doing nothing in the way of teaching the children.

Just food for thought Mr. Ford.