

Changing an unfair law

Ontario colleges have been able to abuse part-time labour in the colleges for one reason only: because of a bad law that forbids part-time workers from organizing. This law must be changed, now!

Under the *Colleges Collective Bargaining Act*, Part-time college workers in Ontario - and only in Ontario - are denied the right to bargain collectively, and to defend ourselves from exploitation. This must stop now!

OPSECAAT has been active. Your president, Roger Couvrette, and members of your executive, have already met with MPPs across the province to demand a commitment to change the law. But it will take a concerted effort from all 17,000 of us to win this change.

The Ontario Legislature will sit once again on March 19, so now is the time to step up the pressure on our MPPs, in their ridings, to let the Minister know that this is an issue that could determine their fate in this year's fall election.

- **Ask your MPP** why Ontario college workers are singled out for special treatment, when part-time university workers, health care workers, social service workers, and government employees can join a union and bargain collectively.
- **Ask your MPP** why Ontario is the only province in Canada

where part-time college workers can't join a union—and why we are ninth out of ten provinces in college funding.

- **And, ask your MPP** why Ontario has so far ignored the UN International Labour Association's ruling that part-time college workers should be able to organize and bargain "as any other workers."

The law can be changed. In fact, NDP MPP Rosario Marchese has brought forward legislation that would allow part-time workers to bargain collectively as part of a union. Colleges Minister Chris Bentley simply has to agree to pass Mr. Marchese's Bill.

At our Annual General Meeting April 21, the OPSECAAT executive will submit our draft election strategy for approval by the membership.

At the same time, we continue to organize within the colleges, signing up member after member across the province.



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