

PETITION TO THE CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

To everybody interested in our educational system

Our children who need support are being denied their rights to an education they deserve because the board is unwilling to renegotiate a respectful contract.

I am a parent of a child with special needs attending Emily Follensbee School. Not only is my child being denied an education because of her school closure, but also her life is being negatively impacted by these disruptions. As a parent, I am unable to work while the strike continues because there is no care for my child. Yet, that means very little when the absence from school impacts her daily life.

Their education isn't about reviewing a last chapter in a social or math textbook but the practice they would receive in self help skills, independence, physiotherapy, communication, vision and/or auditory training, behaviour support, mobility training, vocational training, social and friendship skills, pool therapy, music therapy, and practice and training with adapted equipment they wouldn't normally have access to.

Our support staff in the schools are the backbone of our education system.

Over 200 schools in Calgary rely on support staff that include Education Assistants, Administrative Secretaries, Office Assistants, I.T.'s, Librarian Assistants, ESL Assistants, School Assistants, Behavioral Support Workers, Mobility Specialists, Counsellors, Speech Language Pathologists. They are but a few of the positions that successfully help run the schools in the Calgary system.

Everyday I see the interaction between the support staff and the children. They not only educate, but they care about the children's quality of life.

We stand behind our support staff as they await the CBE's offer to show that they are valued and respected.

Please sign the petition to show you concerned about your child's education and our support staff.

When you miss a day, you miss a lot.

Name

Address

Phone #

Signature
