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CAFA joins with the ATA in fighting for Public Education

CAFA stands in resolute solidarity with the ATA in its fight to ensure every one of our children, and grandchildren receive the education they deserve.

Drive by any local public elementary, junior high, or high school today and you'll see some of the most dedicated folks in Alberta engaged in a fight for the future of public education. Passing vehicles sound their horns in audible support. Clearly, Albertans stand beside their teachers in fighting to give every child in Alberta the advantage of a strong, sustainable, high quality education – and against the government's bitter fight to suppress them.

As the ATA has noted, Alberta spends the least per-student in all of Canada. And that's not just at the K-12 level. In fact, Alberta PSE funding was reduced by 31% between 2019-20 and 2023-2024. Those funds – amounting to tens of millions of dollars – have never been restored.

A publicly-elected government that ignores public demands? Believe it.

The UCP government has decided to provide payments to parents of young children during the ATA strike that would amount to *more than what the ATA is asking for in its collective bargaining*. In essence, they have chosen to ignore the pleas of teachers, parents, and students in favour of a PR move.

When it comes to public education, the government's actions are sending a clear message: They simply do not believe Alberta's children and youth deserve access to high-quality, student-focused, world-class education.

This is a fight for our future we can't afford to lose.

Taxpayer funds that could be invested in more well-equipped classrooms, more well-trained teachers, more manageable workloads, and more well-rounded and globally respected post-secondary institutions are instead diverted toward private, ideologically-driven initiatives, led by UCP-favoured entities.

Join us in protecting the long-term future of public education in Alberta.