

## AEFO Reacts to Minister of Education Announcements

**OTTAWA, March 3, 2020** – This afternoon, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce made a series of announcements on education. Here is the statement of AEFO’s President on these announcements:

“Once more, Minister Lecce chooses to ‘negotiate’ in a public forum rather than focusing on bargaining in good faith at the negotiation table. Several of Minister Lecce’s statements during his press conference this afternoon came dangerously close to constituting lies, half-truths, and bargaining in bad faith. AEFO has had enough of this government’s and of school boards’ games and spin. Here at AEFO, we have the added challenge of dealing with school boards’ insistence on refusing to recognize the professionalism of our members and on continuing to add tasks to our members’ workloads that should not be there,” says AEFO President Rémi Sabourin.

The next province-wide walkout for AEFO will be held Thursday, March 5, 2020. The union’s 12,000 regular and supply teachers will be picketing at 93 locations throughout Ontario. The location and times of pickets are available at [www.ensemblepouragir.ca](http://www.ensemblepouragir.ca).

Phase 3 of work-to-rule continues. To find out more, please visit [www.ensemblepouragir.ca](http://www.ensemblepouragir.ca).

*AEFO has about 12,000 members and represents French-language elementary and high school teachers in Ontario, from both Catholic and public school boards, as well as professional and support staff working in various French-language workplaces.*

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