

OSBCU Script for Canvassing

Introduction:

- “Hi, my name is [insert name]. I’m a member of CUPE Local XXXX, the union representing education workers at [insert name of school board].
- [If job cuts] Have you heard about the school board’s decision to cut staff?
- We are talking with neighbours about how the Provincial Government’s underfunding of public education is impacting schools and students.
- Do you have any concerns about how understaffing is affecting public education? What changes would you like to see in our schools if they received more funding?

Three “asks”:

1. Will you sign our petition calling on the Provincial Government to increase funding to hire more education workers to ensure that students have what they need at school?
2. Would you be willing to put a sign on your lawn or in your window in support of public education?
3. We are also asking neighbours to call our MPP [insert name of MPP] to ask her/him to commit to increasing funding for public education. Can you make a call to your MPP? [show them the flyer and number for the MPP].

Other talking points:

- We are advocating for more funding and staff for schools because since 2018 the Provincial Government has cut \$6.3 billion dollars.
- There are not enough education workers to ensure that all rooms are properly cleaned daily. Student needs are increasing and becoming more complex and there aren’t enough staff to provide the supports that students need.