

School boards

Ms. Chandra Pasma: The Minister of Education claims he had to appoint a supervisor to prevent 60 teachers from being laid off in Peel, then his supervisor turned around and fired 331 teachers. As if that's not bad enough, the names of all the high school teachers losing their jobs got emailed to every single secondary school teacher in the board. This is what happens when you put someone in charge whose sole qualification is that they used to work for the Conservatives: cuts and incompetence.

Will the Minister of Education apologize to these teachers and fire his supervisor?

Hon. Paul Calandra: Truly, it's unbelievable, right? Let's unpack that for a second: What the trustees wanted to do was fire teachers in the middle of the year, pull them from the classroom, put new teachers in the middle of the classroom. We stepped in and said, "No, you're not going to disrupt students in the middle of their year. That's not going to happen under our watch."

Now, the suggestion that the supervisor released these names and made it public is absolutely incredulous to me.

If the member opposite is wanting to suggest that I fire the person that actually did it—I wonder if she would stand in her place and confirm that if I say who actually did it, she would like me to fire that person.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): Back to the member for Ottawa West–Nepean.

Ms. Chandra Pasma: The buck stops with the supervisor, and it is the minister who appointed the supervisor, so the buck stops with the minister—

Interjections.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): Order. Order.

I recognize the member for Ottawa West–Nepean.

Ms. Chandra Pasma: The buck stops with the supervisor, and it is the minister who hired the supervisor, so the buck stops with the minister.

When our kids are in large classes without adequate support, no one in our schools should be losing their jobs. These cuts are deeply harmful to our kids, and they're deeply painful for the people who care for them every day and are now losing their jobs. In these circumstances to have your privacy violated as well is completely unacceptable.

Will the minister fire his unqualified appointee and restore accountability by reinstating democratically elected trustees?

Hon. Paul Calandra: Will I restore trustees across the province of Ontario in the eight supervised boards, those that were going on trips, those that were spending more time fighting each other, suing each other than putting money back into the classroom? No, Madam Speaker.

The member didn't answer the question though, did she? She wants me to fire the person that inadvertently apparently released these names. If the member wants me to fire that person, let her get up in her place and say, "Minister, hold the person responsible who released those

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names.” What the supervisor did was inform the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the breach. That’s what the supervisor has done.

What the supervisors across the province are doing is putting more money back into the classroom, restoring confidence in education systems that had fallen off the rails. We have students in partially demolished schools. They want to restore those trustees—not going to happen. We have students who were being put in the middle of fights between teachers and school boards. We’re not putting that system back in place. We’re putting back a system that focuses on students, parents and teachers and academic achievement, full stop. They can support—

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): I recognize the member for Ajax.

Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026

Deferred vote on the motion for closure on the motion for third reading of the following bill:

Bill 101, An Act to amend various Acts in respect of education and child care

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): Call in the members. This is a five-minute bell.

The division bells rang from 1145 to 1150.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): On May 4, 2026, Mr. Calandra moved third reading of Bill 101, An Act to amend various Acts in respect of education and child care.

On May 5, 2026, Mr. Clark moved that the question be now put.

All those in favour of Mr. Clark’s motion will please rise one at a time and be recognized by the Clerk.

Ayes

- Allsopp, Tyler
- Anand, Deepak
- Bethlenfalvy, Peter
- Bouma, Will
- Bresee, Ric
- Calandra, Paul
- Cho, Raymond Sung Joon
- Ciriello, Monica
- Clark, Steve
- Coe, Lorne
- Cooper, Michelle
- Crawford, Stephen

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- Cuzzetto, Rudy
- Darouze, George
- Denault, Billy
- Dixon, Jess
- Dowie, Andrew
- Downey, Doug
- Fedeli, Victor
- Firin, Mohamed
- Flack, Rob
- Gallagher Murphy, Dawn
- Gualtieri, Silvia
- Hamid, Zee
- Hardeman, Ernie
- Harris, Mike
- Holland, Kevin
- Jordan, John
- Kanapathi, Logan
- Khanjin, Andrea
- Kusendova-Bashta, Natalia
- Leardi, Anthony
- Lecce, Stephen
- Lumsden, Neil
- McCarthy, Todd J.
- McGregor, Graham
- Mulroney, Caroline
- Oosterhoff, Sam
- Pang, Billy
- Parsa, Michael
- Pierre, Natalie
- Pinsonneault, Steve

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- Quinn, Nolan
- Racinsky, Joseph
- Rae, Matthew
- Rickford, Greg
- Riddell, Brian
- Rosenberg, Bill
- Sabawy, Sheref
- Sarkaria, Prabmeet Singh
- Saunderson, Brian
- Smith, Dave
- Smith, David
- Smith, Graydon
- Smith, Laura
- Tangri, Nina
- Thanigasalam, Vijay
- Thompson, Lisa M.
- Tibollo, Michael A.
- Triantafilopoulos, Effie J.
- Vickers, Paul
- Williams, Charmaine A.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): All those opposed to Mr. Clark's motion will please rise one at a time and be recognized by the Clerk.

Nays

- Armstrong, Teresa J.
- Bell, Jessica
- Blais, Stephen
- Bourgouin, Guy
- Brady, Bobbi Ann
- Burch, Jeff

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- Clancy, Aislinn
- Collard, Lucille
- Fairclough, Lee
- Fife, Catherine
- Fraser, John
- Gates, Wayne
- Gélinas, France
- Gilmour, Alexa
- Glover, Chris
- Gretzky, Lisa
- Hazell, Andrea
- Kernaghan, Terence
- Lennox, Robin
- Mamakwa, Sol
- McCrimmon, Karen
- McKenney, Catherine
- McMahon, Mary-Margaret
- Pasma, Chandra
- Rakocevic, Tom
- Sattler, Peggy
- Schreiner, Mike
- Shamji, Adil
- Shaw, Sandy
- Smyth, Stephanie
- Stevens, Jennifer (Jennie)
- Stiles, Marit
- Tabuns, Peter
- Tsao, Jonathan
- Vanthof, John

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- Vaugeois, Lise
- Watt, Tyler
- West, Jamie
- Wong-Tam, Kristyn

The Clerk of the Assembly (Mr. Trevor Day): The ayes are 63; the nays are 40.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): I declare the motion carried.

Mr. Calandra has moved third reading of Bill 101, An Act to amend various Acts in respect of education and child care.

Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion carry? I heard a no.

All those in favour of the motion will please say “aye.”

All those opposed to the motion will please say “nay.”

In my opinion, the ayes have it.

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The Clerk of the Assembly (Mr. Trevor Day): The ayes are 63; the nays are 40.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): I declare the motion carried.

Be it resolved that the bill do now pass and be entitled as in the motion.

Third reading agreed to.