

STATEMENT FROM PETL ON THE PDSB's PARTNERSHIP WITH AMAZON

The Peel Elementary Teachers' Local was disappointed to learn on April 17 that the Peel District School Board would be partnering with Amazon to launch an 'Amazon Business Prime Corporate Account'. We learned at the time that all PETL members had received, through their PDSB email, communication from the Director's Office informing them of this planned partnership and inviting them to register as 'Amazon Business' users.

As a union, and as unionized workers, we would be remiss not to point out that Amazon is a notoriously anti-union and anti-worker multi-national corporation. Amazon has a long and sordid history of putting workers in unsafe situations, actively resisting calls from workers and communities to improve worker health and safety, and engaging in aggressive union-busting in facilities where members are organizing and taking collective action to improve their working conditions.

In Peel, we know that there are many PDSB family members who work in Amazon or similar warehouse facilities. As a local, we extend our solidarity to those community members who work in those facilities and support their struggle for safe and just workplaces.

We also look forward to the day when every last one of these facilities is unionized. And we stand ready to support those organizing efforts in whatever ways we can.