# Manufactured Crisis:

# Bill 33 & the Takeover of Public Education

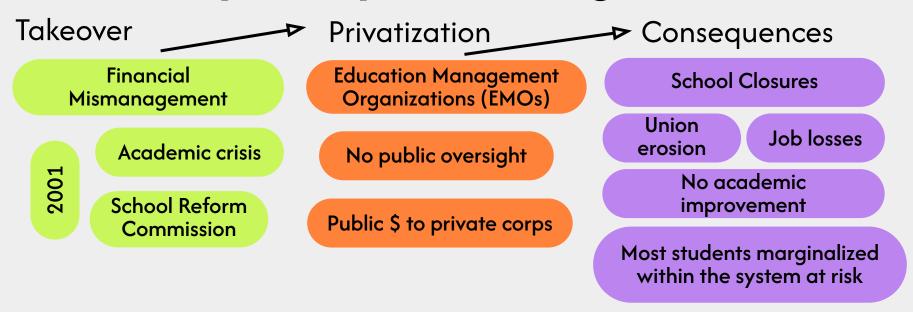
## Conservative Government Framing, Ed. Minister, Paul Calandra:

"Recent financial investigations have showed that these boards are running unsustainable deficits despite receiving similar, stable funding as other boards across the province."

## **Reality:**

Since 2018, over \$6 billion has been cut from public education. Funding per student has fallen by more than \$1,500. When schools can't close gaps created by those cuts, the government calls it mismanagement. Bill 33 weaponizes a funding crisis they created to justify taking control.

## Case Study: Philly, A Warning for Us



Public education doesn't die overnight. It's dismantled piece by piece, one board, one privatized contract, one closed school at a time. — Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, 2018

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## Take Action: Walk-Ins

A short, positive action before the school day where staff gather outside and walk into the school together to show unity. For us, that means: support for public education, and opposition to Bill 33.

## Before the Walk-In:

- Choose your date: **Oct 27, 28, 29**
- Form a team (teachers + all workers at the school site)
- RedForEd: Wear red on the day
- Designate roles (photographer, hype people etc.)
- Flyers and posters have been printed (package)
- Make fun signs (if you'd like)
- Plan your meeting spot (off school property, sidewalk, 30 mins before bell)
- Inform admin, as a heads up





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## On the Day:

- Gather 30 minutes before bell time with signs and flyers
- Welcome parents and community
- Deliver short remarks: "We're here to say no to Bill 33 and yes to public education." Or have it as a sign.
- Walk in together as the bell rings
- Take a group photo (no students in shot)
- Post with hashtags #NoToBill33
  #WalkInForOntEd #ETFOStrong





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### After the Walk-In:

- Send photos and turnout reports to PETL
- Debrief at your next meeting: what worked, what didn't. Please share with PETL

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## Key Messaging for Walk-Ins, Check Flyer:

- This isn't about safety, if they cared about safety, they'd fund our schools.
- We need more education workers in classrooms. This is about fighting to keep public schools, *public*.
- Bill 33 opens the door to privatization.
  We're here to keep it public.
- Elimination of school board trustees = elimination of democratic rights of community to have a voice within the public education system.

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No province has gone this far into public schools before. Bill 33 crosses a line between public service and political control.