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How To Spell "M*I*S*S*I*N*G"

1. **Authentic Leadership:** Gail Nyberg is **not** missing. In her role as Chair of the Toronto District School Board (that's the *TDSB* – the acronym for the *Toronto Catholic District School Board* is *TCDSB*) Gail Nyberg has been out there and in the face of the Tory government, a tireless advocate for her Board, her schools and her students. The Chair of the Toronto District School Board seems relentlessly committed to persuing adequate funding for her Board by challenging this government day after day, in the press, in the media and on the streets. The Chair of the Toronto District School Board demonstrates over and over again that the Ministry has underfunded public education. The Chair of the Toronto District School Board works tirelessly to unite the TDSB trustees around preserving an excellent level of service for students and schools. She has successfully struggled to protect custodial and clerical support for the TDSB students and teachers. The Chair of the Toronto District School Board has negotiated with TDSB teachers, and subsequently reached collective agreements in a manner that did not disrupt the delivery of the program to students. These agreements acknowledge the commitment and dedication of TDSB teachers. The Chair of the Toronto District School Board is assisting parents and teachers to organize their communities to prevent the closure of TDSB schools. *Who is missing from this story?*
2. **Divide and Conquer:** Mr. Johnson isn't missing much. He has an answer for the Chair of the Toronto District School Board: he challenges Gail Nyberg to match the brutal level of cost cutting achieved by ?????? (you guessed it) - the **TCDSB** – the Toronto Catholic District School Board. From the *Globe and Mail* today: "*the Toronto Board could save \$50-million if it copied the Catholic Board's costs*".
3. **The Big Picture:** The teachers aren't missing anything. They see the big picture. They recognize that the leadership of the *Toronto Catholic District School Board* has been silent with respect to the cuts, the downsizing, the downloading of work, the lack of supplies and materials. Teachers are carrying too much of the extra load. They see that the leadership of the *TCDSB* doesn't appear to value them or the work they do.
4. **How to Spell "S*E*L*L*O*U*T":** Four weeks ago the *Toronto Catholic District School Board* received a \$50-million grant to build new Secondary Schools. Teachers understand that a Board is more than buildings or new construction. *Who doesn't?*

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