

## PRESS RELEASE

The 32,000 students and 2,000 teachers of the secondary schools in the Toronto Catholic District School Board are still locked out.

To understand the frustration of the students and teachers, consider the following context:

- The Trustees locked out their teachers and students
- The Trustees asked the government for legislation to rescind their self-imposed lockout
- The Trustees rejected an arrangement which would get the students and teachers back into school while bargaining continued.

“People have to remember why our students and teachers are not in school,” said Steve Kirby, TSU President.

Another point which must be emphasized is that teachers have already shown that the Board and its teachers can meet not only the spirit but also the letter of the law.

Mr. Kirby stated: “We can do the 1250 minutes and the 22 class size average called for by Bill 160 and we can do it in a manner that will help students, not hurt them.”

Interestingly, there have been a number of secondary school agreements worked out in this province. **All** have been done on the basis of 6 periods.

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