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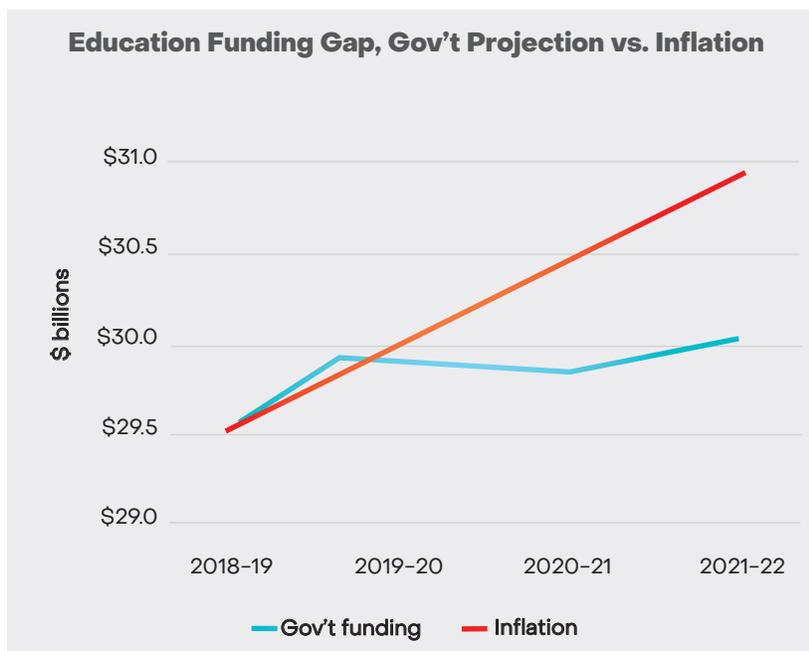
Premier Ford says his government is investing in publicly funded education. The numbers tell a different story.

Since taking office in June 2018, the government has made it clear they plan to cut at least \$1 billion dollars from the education budget. They have already cut millions of dollars from programs and supports for Indigenous students, students with special education needs, and other vulnerable students.

The government plans to increase class size averages in Grades 4 to 12, and force high school students to take at least two credits through e-learning. This will take hundreds of millions of dollars out of schools and result in the loss of thousands of teaching positions.

The 2019 provincial budget projects that over the next four years, education funding will increase by an average of 1.2 per cent annually. This will significantly erode core education funding.

- The projected funding is well below what is needed to keep up with inflation and population growth.
- The funding also includes big ticket items outside of elementary and secondary education, such as the new child care tax credit.



By the 2021-22 fiscal year, the government will be underfunding education by \$700 million per year. When you include money for the child care tax credit, **this will create a \$1.1 billion shortfall in core education funding.**

Ontario has a world-renowned education system, but we cannot afford to go backward. In fact, we know that further investments are needed in special education, mental health supports, and other areas. We cannot let the government get away with misleading Ontarians about education funding.

Go to [KnowMore.ca](https://knowmore.ca) to send a message to your MPP and tell them to stop the cuts to publicly funded education.