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UTFA Members Support U of T Students Protest (March 24, 2026)

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Dear Colleagues,

On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, U of T students are meeting at Sidney Smith Hall at 12:30 to walk over to the Ontario Legislature at Queens Park at 1:15 to protest the Provincial Government's lack of support for post-secondary education the recent shift in the proportion of OSAP distribution. If you are free, join us!

ON government has shifted the OSAP grant allocations from 85% of a student's funding to a maximum of 25% and loans going from 15% to 75%. This new directive will put a significant strain on students and their families in an already austere environment. Ontario provided $10,481 in total university funding per domestic full-time equivalent student (FTE) in 2023-24, a modest increase from the $10,246 it provided in 2022-23. However during this same period the Canadian average level of provincial funding increased from $16,790 to $17,424 per domestic FTE, a much larger increase than occurred in Ontario. This means that **Ontario is in last place when it comes to university funding, it is falling further behind** (see OCUFA report, "A MADE-IN-ONTARIO ECONOMIC SOLUTION: ENSURING UNIVERSITIES CONTINUE TO DRIVE ONTARIO'S PROSPERITY OCUFA's 2026" the " Pre-Budget Submission", p. 13.)

Sincerely,

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