



SGEU fighting for public service workers

We've all been hearing a lot about the deficit lately.

The Sask. Party government is trying to convince people that public service workers should pay the price for its own [bad decisions](#) - the shady land deals, high-priced consultants, and costly mega-projects.

Government is trying to shift the focus from its mistakes and misplaced priorities by promoting harmful, unfair options, like drastic cutbacks and privatizations that will hurt public service workers and Saskatchewan families.

It's threatening a 3.5 per cent compensation cut for public employees, which could mean wage rollbacks, forced unpaid days off, and reductions in pensions and benefits. Huge job cuts are on the table. Not only would these choices harm members financially, but mandatory days off would place even more strain on overburdened staff, causing more stress, fatigue and client dissatisfaction.

The cuts will take millions of dollars out of local economies and aggravate Saskatchewan's current financial problems. This austerity plan could cause further economic disaster.

A better way

There is a [better way](#) to address the current financial situation -- options that don't hurt families and undermine our public services.

Defending you

SGEU is running a campaign to defend members and to promote the valuable public services Saskatchewan families rely on:

- On March 8, at the largest [rally](#) at the Legislature in many years, people came together to send government the message that Saskatchewan families will suffer if public services are cut and workers' wages and benefits attacked.
- We are rolling out a province-wide ad campaign to put pressure on government to stop the attacks on public employees. We are airing [radio](#) and [TV](#) ads across the province to make Saskatchewan people aware of what is at stake.
- SGEU is mounting a [legal challenge](#) in response to government threats to public service workers, arguing that this approach undermines the union's right to bargain on behalf of its members.

Speak out!

You can make your voice heard right now by [sending a letter](#) to your MLA to say "No!" to cuts and rollbacks. Share this with friends and family.

Stay connected with the campaign by visiting our website, checking in on [Facebook](#), and following us on [Twitter](#). You will be seeing, hearing and reading the ads and other communications we are

developing.

Others around you will be asking about our campaign. When they do, take the opportunity to explain that attacks on public sector workers will not solve our economic problems. Point out that this government's reckless spending -- on over-priced contractors and management consultants -- helped get us into this predicament, and needs to stop.

Together, we can stop these attacks and get our province back on the right track.

In Solidarity,

SGEU President Bob Bymoan

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