

# Think before you cut!



## Why pick on me? I can't vote!

Dear Mr. Politician,

My Dad says a lot of politicians are talking about school costs these days.

He knows what you mean because he has to cut corners every month on our family budget. But he makes sure he doesn't cut out the important things – and he doesn't think you should do that to my education either.

There are 31 in my class now. Do you want it to get any bigger?

That's why my Dad says:

**THINK before you cut!**

This message was prepared by a committee of concerned parents, teachers and community leaders.

## The reality behind the ceilings

- ♦ Fewer remedial classes
- ♦ Fewer special help programs
- ♦ Less attention paid to the individual student
- ♦ Larger classes
- ♦ Increased discipline problems
- ♦ Because of economy, the less experienced teacher may be hired before the more experienced, the less qualified before the more qualified

## How you can get involved

ASK NOW which special programs your local school may be forced to drop next fall.

ASK NOW whether the staff in your local school will be reduced, be increased or remain the same next fall.

ASK NOW what size of classes your son or daughter will face in September.

ASK NOW how the priorities were established to fit into the provincial ceilings.

ASK YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE – trustee and Member of the Legislature – whether they are aware of the effects of the ceilings.