

Markham, Stouffville students speak on teacher strikes

Ontario Progressive Conservative leadership candidate Jim Flaherty recently declared if made premier, he'd make teaching an essential service, thereby banning teachers' right to strike.

We canvassed students at Markham District High School and Stouffville District Secondary School and found they're split on the issue. The question: Should teachers be declared an essential service and lose their right to strike?



CARA CORNACCHIA, MDHS: Yeah, teachers are an essential service. They still need to be there for us, to educate us.



GEOFF McNAUGHTON, MDHS: If they do strike, they should get everything sorted out with one and it shouldn't have to happen again.



DAVE CUTLER, MDHS: Yes, definitely. If teachers strike, then we don't have a hockey team, we don't have a lot of stuff.



ALLISON BIRDSALL, SDSS: I think they should be allowed to strike, because if they weren't allowed then the government could make any rules that they'd have to follow.



MIKE WIGMORE, SDSS: If teachers need better stuff to teach us with, then they should be able to strike for that.



STAN CLARK: Yeah, I think they should (be declared essential) so then we wouldn't have to miss school.



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