

Students showing support for teachers at Queen's Park

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teachers — cuts sick days in half to 10 and prevents teachers from banking sick days and cashing them out at retirement.

Some teachers are withdrawing

from voluntary duties in protest, leading to random cancellations of curriculum nights, sports teams and extracurricular clubs across York Region.

Ms Ireland said her members are now waiting for advice from provincial union leaders as

talks continue at the local level to determine what the provincial Memorandum of Agreement means.

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York Region's teacher unions, like many across the province, have

a good relationship with the local public school board "but this legislation has forced us into adversarial steps and we don't want to be there."

"You can't just impose legislation and then say, 'Let's all play nice in the sandbox'. This is a multi-

faceted process ... a monumental undertaking."

Students, meanwhile, plan a provincewide rally at Queen's Park Saturday.

They will be, according to the online flyer: "standing in support of Ontario teachers".

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Students in Maple protest earlier this month against legislation passed by the provincial government imposing a deal on Ontario public teachers. Some York Region teachers have withdrawn their voluntary services, including coaching sports teams and helping clubs.

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