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## Creeping privatization in Ontario's publicly funded education

**TORONTO, December 1, 2020** — The Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) published the statement, *Where there's smoke, there's fire*, which outlines its concern about certain announcements and actions by the Ontario government since the pandemic began.

The statement mentions actions which, taken together, are possible signs of creeping privatization of publicly funded education. Examples are the EQAO's two recent tenders for online test developers for the Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment and the Math Proficiency Test; TVO's expanded mandate, under Bill 197, to develop online courses for the 2020-2021 school year; and the government's mandatory secondary two online course credits for graduation requirement.

"OTF and our members believe whole-heartedly in publicly funded education," states Parker Robinson, President of the OTF, "we will always oppose privatization in any form."

Read the complete statement, *Where's there's smoke, there's fire*.

The Ontario Teachers' Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all the publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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