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# Funding Facts



**MYTH** The education bill is picked-up by the provincial government.

**FACT** *The federal government pays at least half of the bill.*

**MYTH** The provincial government spends all of the money it receives for education from the federal government, on education.

**FACT** *It is up to each province to decide how much of this money will be spent on education, most spend far less than is allocated.*

**MYTH** The federal government has maintained its financial commitment to education.

**FACT** *By the end of its second term in office the Conservative government will have cut back \$3,277,294,000 on education spending.*

**MYTH** Tuition fees have risen in accordance with increases in the cost of living.


**FACT** *From 1988 to 1989 rent has increased 5.2%, food 3.6%, and tuition fees 7%.*

**MYTH** Tuition increases are not affected by government cutbacks and holdouts.

**FACT** *Tuition fees continue to rise while governments spend less and less on education.*

**MYTH** The quality of education in the 90's is comparable to that of the 70's.

**FACT** *Classrooms are overcrowded, libraries are underfunded, lab equipment is obsolete, and the line-ups are endless... when was the last time the course you needed was full?*



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# Campaigns



THE FEDERATION HAS DETAILED several exciting and upbeat campaigns for 1990-91. This year the focus of our campaigns will centre on the withdrawal of the 3% surtax for Canada Student loans. We have organized a "register your opposition" post-card and letter writing campaign, as well stickers and fact sheets have been distributed. We believe that the withdrawal of the 3% surtax on student loans is winnable. Our lobby efforts here on Parliament Hill must be supplemented with maximum participation from the membership. **If you have not signed a post-card or letter registering your opposition to the 3% surtax do it now!** The power of an interest group lies within the activism of its membership.

Other campaigns that will unfold throughout the year will be our National Student Day campaign, a national anti-racism campaign, a women's campaign and a native students awareness campaign. We have planned a full year of activities. You will notice that some of our campaigns are direct political action campaigns eg. "Don't tax my loan", while others are educational campaigns eg. "This is a racism-free zone". The success of a campaign lies with the direct participation of students. **Get involved with an issue of particular concern to you. Our strength lies in our numbers!**