

Today students and staff on this campus will join thousands of others across Canada to let governments and the public know we care about the quality of education and what we have to pay for it.

In the past this university has talked until it's blue in the face. We've poured liquor and tea into MLA's and they still don't know (or perhaps don't care) that our problems are real.

In short, we've behaved like the government's "pet poodle" in the words of the GFC's Dr. Sitwell. It's obvious they haven't heard us.

It's obvious they haven't heard because the federal government has chosen to send a telegram instead of a cabinet minister to today's protest.

It's obvious because students haven't been given a role in the federalprovincial negotiations that will decide on how billions of dollars are spent on our education.

It's obvious to University of Calgary students that they haven't been heard because their Board of Governors wants to kick tuition up 25 per cent. It's

obvious to U of A students who know they could be next that they aren't being heard.

The National Week of Student action is designed to *force* governments and the public to hear us, and make them take action.

By marching on the legislature today - by saying "I'm gonna march" - we can finally speak with a voice they can't ignore. So, be at the south end of HUB at 12:45, march to the legislature, and **fight back!**