

Delegates assess the situation

The CSQ's General Negotiations Council (GNC) met on September 2, 2015, to assess the situation of negotiation talks on both sectoral and intersectoral matters. Delegates also looked into union strategies to advance discussions. They discussed preferred pressure tactics and the eventual possibility of a strike. And just like the CSQ, the other organizations in the Common Front are currently engaged in similar discussions.

The CSQ mobilized in front of Treasury Board's offices

Early on the morning of September 2, GNC delegates demonstrated in front of the offices of the Treasury Board in Québec, to remind Minister Coiteux that state workers are serious in their union negotiation initiatives. "We are more mobilized than ever! We have no intention of letting our working and living conditions deteriorate any further!", said Louise Chabot, CSQ president.



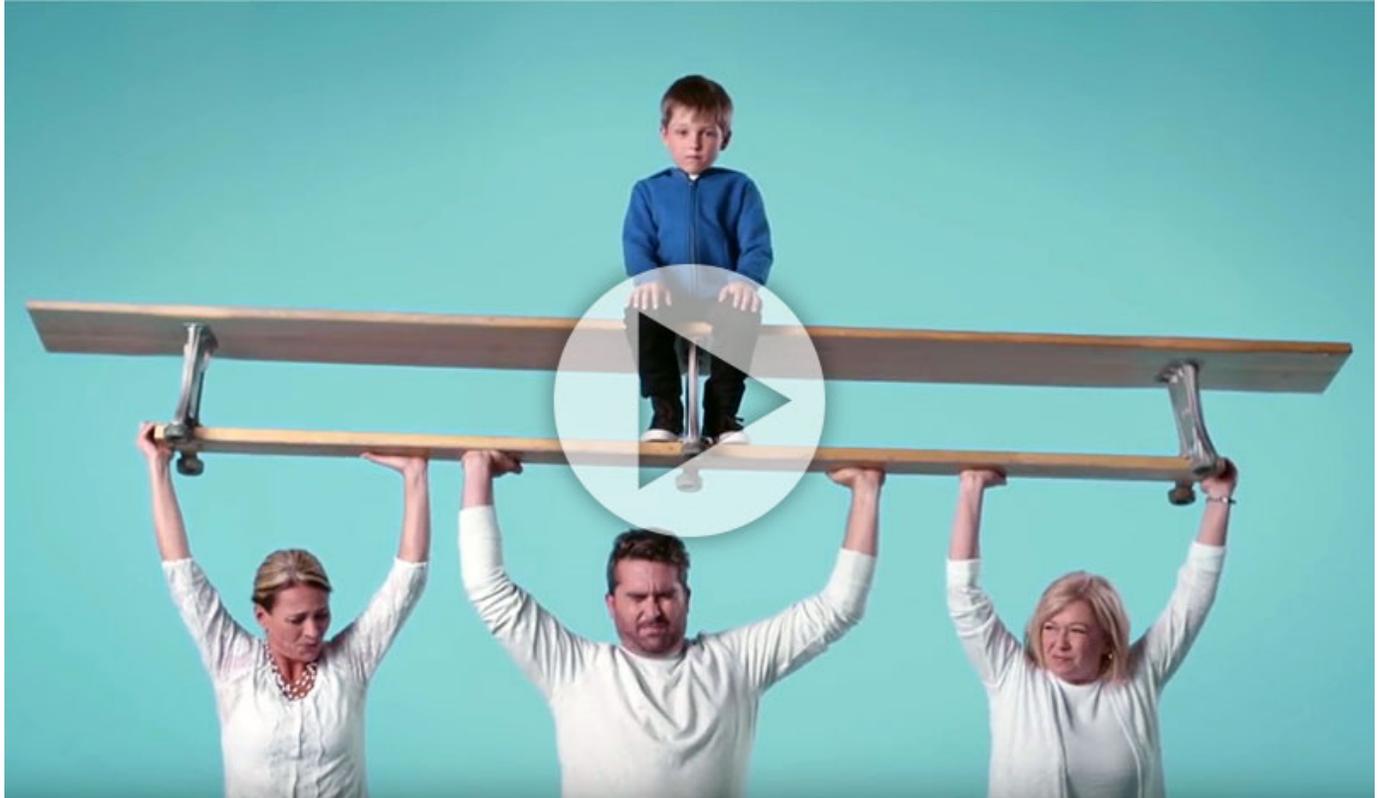
An ad campaign to save our schools

The CSQ and its school federations – the Fédération des syndicats de l'enseignement, the Fédération du personnel de soutien scolaire and the Fédération des professionnelles et professionnels de l'éducation du Québec – launched an ad campaign during the GNC entitled *L'école à bout de bras* (Holding it together). The initiative aims to remind that, for many years, teaching, professional and support personnel have been carrying the full weight of the education system within a context of budget cuts (totalling one billion dollars) that has become unbearable. The ad campaign also invites the general population to support education personnel.

The web part of the campaign was launched on September 2. In addition to seeing the ad, reviewing relevant links and sharing information, the ecoleaboutdebras.org website invites internet users to change their Facebook profile photo by adding the campaign logo and using the hashtag [#ecoleaboutdebras](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/ecoleaboutdebras).

A 30-second television ad will also be broadcast (from September 9 to 28) on TVA and Radio-Canada, as well as on the radio (from August 26 to September 4) on 98,5 FM in Montréal and 93,3 FM in Québec.

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Stop cutting and reinvest in education !

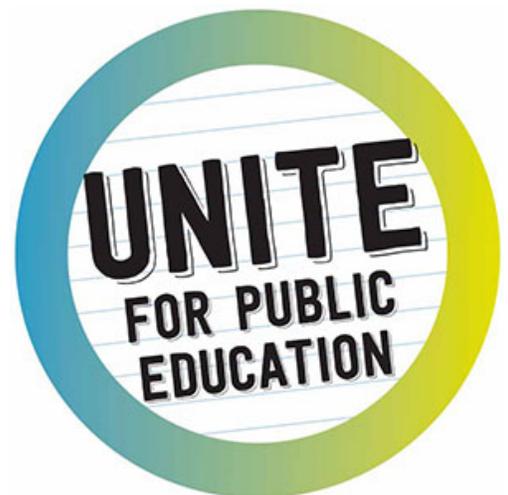
The government has to put an end to cutbacks and reinvest the billion dollars it has slashed from the public education network over the past five years. This was the message sent to the government, last August 30, by a coalition of parents, teaching personnel, support personnel, school administrations, as well as the CSQ.

Together, they created the badge “United for public education”. The tool aims to unite those who want public education to be a true national priority. They have also invited the population to join their cause, notably via social media.

Furthermore, the AREQ-CSQ supports this initiative. It will invite its 57,000 members, who have contributed to building a quality public education network, to join the campaign.

To get some badges, contact your union.

To learn more about this initiative, consult the press release:
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