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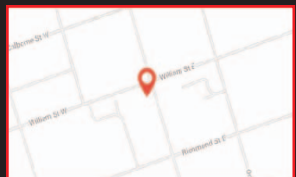
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**NDP CALLS FOR \$1,000 PANDEMIC TUITION RELIEF FOR ONTARIO POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS**

The Ontario NDP is urging the Ford government to provide Ontario post-secondary students with direct pandemic tuition relief of \$1,000 to each full-time student and \$500 to each part-time student, and is asking the government to stop clawing back the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) and Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) from students' OSAP supports. Glover was joined Tuesday morning by post-secondary students from different parts of the province, who spoke out to stress the additional financial pressures college and university students are facing as a result of COVID-19. Students from the Canadian Federation of Students, the College Student Alliance and the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance joined MPP Glover in calling for \$1,000 pandemic relief for full-time students and

\$500 for part-time students. "Ontario post-secondary students were already paying some of the highest tuition fees in Canada, and were saddled with an average debt load of \$28,000," Glover said. "I have heard from students across the province that the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified their financial burdens, causing job losses for many of them and their families, and making it that much harder to afford tuition. The cost of the pandemic relief we are asking for is roughly equivalent to reversing just one year of Ford's cut to OSAP." Doug Ford's 2019 budget slashed funding for OSAP and student financial assistance by about 30 per cent, and targeted low and middle-income students by cutting grants and cranking up the amount of interest students must pay. Glover and the Ontario NDP have been calling for the con-

version of loans to grants and the elimination of interest on existing student debt. During the pandemic, students saw their part-time and summer employment opportunities dwindle. Yet the Ford government made things worse by allowing the income students received from CESB and CERB to be clawed back from their OSAP payments, taking rent and food money right out of their pockets. "It is unfair to expect post-secondary students reeling from months of financial hardship and facing a limited campus and in-class learning experience this Fall to pay the same hefty tuition fees that were too high to begin with," Glover said. "Immediate tuition relief from the government and an end to OSAP clawbacks for emergency pandemic benefits are necessary first steps to giving students the support they need."

**OFFICIAL OPPOSITION CALLS FOR TRANSPARENCY ON SCHOOL COVID-19 CASES AND OUTBREAKS**

QUEEN'S PARK — The Official Opposition is asking the Ford government to commit to posting a list online of all schools with COVID-19 cases, while maintaining the privacy of students and staff. "Of course we all hope that COVID-19 doesn't make its way into schools, but we believe parents, students and staff including supply teachers should be informed if it does," said NDP Education critic Marit Stiles. "With so much pressure being put on staff, students and their families to monitor symptoms and follow protocols, they deserve information and transparency. "The Ford government tried to downplay and hide the growing tragedy in long-term care homes as the virus swept in. We can't let them make the same mistake with our children." The NDP successfully called for a list of long-term care homes with COVID-19 cases and outbreaks to be posted online. In the province of Quebec, where students returned to school last week, parents and educators also called for the list of COVID-19 cases appearing in school to be posted online, and that government agreed to do so late Friday afternoon.

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**RED LIGHT CAMERAS  
HAVE ARRIVED IN  
DURHAM REGION**

Whitby, Ontario – As part of Durham Vision Zero's goal to eliminate fatalities on our roadways, red light cameras have arrived at select locations throughout Durham Region to help improve traffic safety.

Red light running has the potential to cause serious injury or death for both the offending driver and innocent victims. The Region's collision records database shows 534 collisions over a three-and-a-half-year period at signalized intersections where the cause was specifically attributed to a driver disobeying traffic control indications. Many of these collisions resulted in significant injuries and sometimes death.

The Region of Durham is one of many municipalities across Ontario using red light cameras to create safer roads. For more information on red light cameras in Durham Region, visit [durham.ca/RedLightCameras](http://durham.ca/RedLightCameras).

Durham Vision Zero is a long-term plan to ensure a safe transportation system that sees no lives lost or serious injuries on Durham's roadways. Learn more at [durham.ca/VisionZero](http://durham.ca/VisionZero).

"With the installation of red light cameras at select intersections, it is the goal of Vision Zero to reduce the amount and severity of intersection collisions. Data from other jurisdictions indicate these cameras will play a significant part in the larger Durham Vision Zero goal of eliminating all serious and fatal collisions on our roads, thereby creating a safer community for everyone."

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