

# Purolator partners with schools in Durham Region

WHITBY, ONT., Sept. 12, 2025 — Purolator Tackle Hunger® Red Bag campaign is coming to participating schools in the Durham School Board from Sept. 15 to Oct. 6, in support of Feed the Need Durham (FTND).

Purolator, community and food bank volunteers will drop off Red Bags and collection bins at participating schools in Durham the week of Sept. 15. Students and families who receive a bag are asked to fill their Red Bags with non-perishable food items and return it to school the week of Oct. 6. Purolator couriers will deliver all the food donations to Feed the Need in Durham to help those in need.

Feed the Need in Durham (FTND) is the central emergency food distribution centre for the Durham Region, collecting, rescuing, procuring, and distributing over 2 two million pounds of food and household essentials annually to 70 community food programs.

These partners include local food banks, emergency meal programs, shelters, in-school nutrition programs, and social

service organizations throughout the Durham Region. Feed the Need's most needed items are:

- Canned protein (tuna, salmon, meat, beans, peanut butter)
- Canned fruits and vegetables (including pasta sauce)
- Soups, stews, and canned pasta
- Grains (rice, dry pasta, cereal, oatmeal)
- School snacks
- Infant formula

This food drive in Durham Region is part of Purolator's third annual Purolator Tackle Hunger National Red Bag campaign. From Sept. 3 to Oct. 6, Purolator employees are running community Red Bag food drives at 27 locations across Canada and the U.S. For the last 22 years, Purolator Tackle Hunger has delivered more than 25 million pounds of food to Canadian food banks.

Those who do not receive a Red Bag can donate online here. Purolator Inc. is a leading integrated freight, package and logistics solutions provider. Delivering its cus-

tomers' promises since 1960, Purolator continues to expand its reach, renowned service levels and reliability to more people, more businesses and more places across Canada and around the world, utilizing 200+ facilities across Canada and 30+ branches in the United States. Purolator is committed to contributing to the well-being of the communities it serves and where more than 14,000 of its employees live, work and play.

As part of Purolator's commitment to helping alleviate hunger in the communities where it operates, the organization works closely with its employees, partners, customers, Canadian food banks and charitable organizations to collect food and monetary donations.

Together, they also help raise awareness about the issue of food insecurity. Since the inception of Purolator's employee-led grassroots program over 20 years ago, Purolator Tackle Hunger® has helped deliver more than 25 million pounds of food to Canadian food banks.

## Ford's college cuts are putting thousands of good jobs and the future of our province at risk

QUEEN'S PARK — NDP Shadow Minister for Colleges, Universities, Research, Excellence & Security, MPP Peggy Sattler (London West), is calling on the Ford government to stop the cuts and fund our public colleges as OPSEU college workers fight for a fair deal:

"Ontario's public colleges power our economy. They train the next generation of talent, create good jobs in communities across our province, and help shape the future of our province," said Sattler. "Under Ford's watch, our public colleges and universities are languishing. Ontario has the lowest per-student college funding in the country. But in the latest budget, the Conservatives cut \$2 billion from post-secondary education, putting the future of thousands of jobs, and hundreds of thousands of students, at risk. "10,000 college workers have already lost their jobs — one of the biggest mass layoffs in the province's history. This didn't happen by accident. This is death by a

thousand cuts from Doug Ford's Conservative government.

"Ford's refusal to invest in post-secondary education, while at the same time funneling public dollars to private trainers, has created one of the worst crises Ontario's colleges have ever faced.

"Ontario's colleges are worth fighting for, and the Ontario NDP stands in solidarity with workers fighting for the future of our province. "We're calling on Doug Ford to step up: don't let our public colleges languish, don't allow even more jobs to disappear under your watch, and don't gamble away our province's future." Hundreds of anticipated layoffs at General Motors' Oshawa assembly plant are being delayed for several months, the automaker and the union representing workers there announced.

GM is intending to move to a two-shift operation, down from three shifts, at the plant

that builds Chevrolet Silverado pickup trucks.

Unifor, the union representing the workers, said cutting the third shift would eliminate about 750 GM hourly positions and more than 1,000 supplier positions, all of which are co-located within the Oshawa assembly plant. Jobs at suppliers outside the plant, including workers not represented by Unifor, would also be impacted by the move, the union said. GM had planned to cut the third shift sometime in the third quarter of 2025, but that has been delayed until Jan. 30, 2026, Unifor said. "It's a sense of relief," said Jeff Gray, president for Unifor Local 222, which represents both the GM and supplier positions within the plant. "It indicates to us that the pressure being applied from all three levels of our government — municipal, provincial and federal — along with our union and the national leadership, the argument is being listened to."

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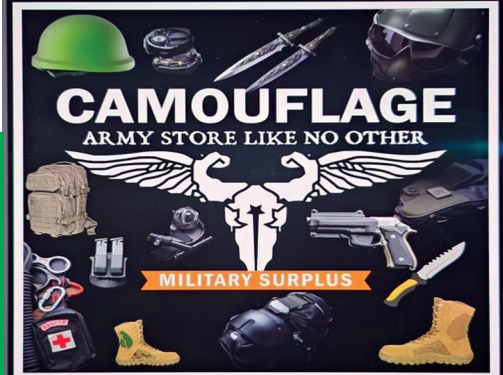
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