

# BLOC-NOTES

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to all members  
of affiliated unions

## THE FIGHT AGAINST TUITION INCREASES: WE ARE ALL INVOLVED!

**T**he campaign against tuition increases is in full swing. As we write these lines, some 160,000 students are on strike and the movement, which receives numerous expressions of sympathy, including that of artists, keeps on growing in size. A lot of you might be wondering how we could participate in a concrete fashion in this struggle. This BLOC-NOTES bulletin seeks to provide you with an overview of some of the things you might do over the next few weeks.

**Petition on the National Assembly's Web site:** if you haven't already signed it, it's not too late to do so! This gesture will only take you a few minutes. We are 30,000 teachers, members of the FNEEQ; let's make all our voices heard!

<https://www.assnat.qc.ca/fr/exprimez-votre-opinion/petition/Petition-2597/index.html>

**Picketing in front of Collège Édouard-Montpetit Monday, March 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 AM:** here's another way for us to show that teachers are also against tuition increases. Please don't hesitate to drop by the picket line and make your presence felt! (945 chemin de Chambly, Longueuil)

**Meeting of teachers against the increase:** the picketing at Édouard-Montpetit is the result of a spontaneous joint initiative taken by a few activists. About 100 of them were at Collège Ahuntsic on March 6, brainstorming about how our support for the student struggle could be manifested in a practical fashion, but also how our support could be shown autonomously, seeing as the whole tuition increase issue is a matter of concern, as we mentioned above, for the entire population of Québec. This activity was a springboard for envisioning and organizing several projects that we will keep you all informed about. The next meeting of this group that is open to everyone will be held on Wednesday, March 14, at 2:30 PM, in the CEGEP de Saint-Laurent staff room.

**This newsletter is not simply an information tool, but rather an invitation to participate in one or several of the actions listed here. Indeed, the whole question of accessibility to a university education is a compelling societal issue and challenge that concerns every citizen in the Province of Québec; it's thus imperative that we not miss out on getting involved in this mobilization!**

**Citizen Lecture "Against the increase 201":** as a prelude to the family demonstrations being organized by CLASSE, on March 18, from 11 :00 to noon, a "teach-in" will be taking place on the initiative of the *Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics* (Coalition against pay-to-use and privatized public services) with FNEEQ's collaboration. The teach-in will be hearing from several experts who will be explaining the perspectives and arguments that, unfortunately, more often than not have been avoided by the mass media, and by the same token, are absent from the public debate. A press conference will follow to draw attention to the support being given by various major organizations, notably the Coalition. We cordially invite you to attend. (Hôtel Gouverneur Place Dupuis, 1415 Saint-Hubert Street, Mtl)

**Regional family demonstrations** on Sunday March 18, at 1:00 PM: CLASSE invites all Quebecers to take part in these demonstrations, that will be taking place all over the Province, including Montreal (at Lafontaine Park, corner of Cherrier), Quebec City (Quebec City campus of CEGEP Limoilou) and Sherbrooke (in front of City Hall, corner of Wellington and Frontenac), under the theme: *Education is everybody's business!* <http://www.facebook.com/events/399905283368309/>

**Demonstration on Thursday, March 22, at 1:00 PM, Place du Canada:** the entire student movement will be there and the CSN Confederation Council will be adjourning its meeting so that the delegates can join in. Mobilize the people around you and come out in droves!

Other actions will surely be added to this list. To find out which ones, please visit the FNEEQ Facebook page and the [profscntrelahausse.org](http://www.profscntrelahausse.org) Web site regularly. You can also find a calendar of events at the following address: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AixE7LPfYu51dE1FCGZxNmM2M3drMjY3WHI2WFITRmc#gid=0>

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