

# Vanier College Teachers' Association

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## Austerity: More Cutbacks in Cegep Budgets

Education Minister Yves Bolduc recently announced, part-way through the academic year, a further cut of 19 million dollars for the cegep system this year. This 19 million is in addition to the \$109,000,000 cut from cegep budgets in the past 4 years. For example, Cegep Gaspé, a small regional cegep already having many problems, will be cut a total of \$600,000 this year! Even the Federation des cegeps (cegep administrators) is against the cutbacks saying that these will certainly affect students, especially students who are already at risk. In a recent interview, Vanier DG, Norman Bernier, said that the \$19 million will be divided amongst the 48 cegeps, but bigger cegeps will be more affected. We may have more information about how Vanier will be affected soon since there have been questions to the Vanier Board put on the agenda of the meeting this Tuesday.

These cuts are part of the general AUSTERITY measures now being put in place by the Quebec government. As part of the **REFUSE AUSTERITY** campaign, there will be a demonstration Saturday, Nov. 29 at 1pm. (gathering starts at noon) at Place du Canada (corner of Peel and Rene-Levesque). Attached you will find a leaflet on different ways that the austerity campaign will affect us.

**Wear A Fneeq scarf!** At Vanier, the VCTA is asking teachers to wear the new Fneeq scarf (or the old one if you wish!) on **Thursday, Nov. 27** Come to C101 to get the scarf. Also, come and visit us at the information tables in the Metro area (beside Jakes) and in front of the elevators in the N Building, **Thursday, Nov. 27 from noon to 2pm**. And of course, wear your scarf to the demonstration on Saturday so that we can all walk together with other Fneeq people.

**VCTA General Assembly: Wed. Dec. 10, F216 2pm- 4pm**

**Happy Hour: Wed. Dec. 10, 4:30 pm**

**GOS:** As usual, if you have not filled out a GOS for this year, please make sure that you apply to each and every posting that interests you. If you fail to do this, you will get passed over in the hiring if other people apply or have put in a GOS.

**Sick Leave:** To go on sick leave, you need a note from your doctor specifying the nature and duration of the illness. (Clause 5-5:25 and 5-5: 26). If the administration wants more than this, please contact the VCTA (7411).

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