

Toronto Catholic No Sweat Committee

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Who Are We?

- A committee of students, teachers, parents, and faith and justice organizations concerned with the working conditions under which Catholic high school uniforms are made

Why Are We Here?

- Our goal is to have a strong “No Sweat” uniform policy to guarantee that our uniforms are made under acceptable conditions, not in sweatshops.

What Are We Against?



- We are against the use of sweatshops.
- We are NOT against the Board's policy of mandatory uniforms.
- We want to be sure that our uniforms, which we are required to buy and wear, are made in decent working conditions.



Child Labour Today in Asia



Poor and Unhealthy Working Conditions in Latin America



Purchasing Power

- Number of high schools in TCDSB
= 31
- Number of students wearing uniforms
= 25,000 (approx.)
- Student uniform expenditures per
year
= \$200 (approx.)

Purchasing Power

- Total amount of money spent on uniforms in the TCDSB...

= \$5,000,000

What Do We Want In The Policy?

The policy will require uniform suppliers to:

- Provide full public disclosure of factory locations where clothing is made
- Uphold International Labour Organization (ILO) standards and local labour laws
- Agree to independent monitoring

In cases of non-compliance, companies will be given time to comply. If a company still does not comply with the policy, the Board has the right to terminate the contract.

Process

- We request that members of the Toronto Catholic No Sweat Committee be involved in the development of our Board's No Sweat policy, to guarantee that OUR uniform clothing is made under acceptable conditions.

Motivated by Faith

“ In a world marked by poverty, oppression and war, we are commanded to work for justice and peace.”

-Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

The End