

## **Effective implementation of** de-streaming in Ontario threatened by lack of time and resources

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In the Annual Ontario School Survey (AOSS) 2022-23, People for Education asked 1,044 principals from across all of Ontario's 72 publicly funded school boards about de-streaming. These are the findings.



Only 20% of Ontario high school principals say they have enough support to implement de-streaming.

Since the 2021-22 academic year, there has been a change in the proportion of secondary schools offering supports for de-streaming Grade 9 courses.



class sizes





**2021 2022** 



Increase in learning supports (e.g., educational assistants, special education)

staff and I have received sufficient support from the Ministry and my school board to implement de-streaming".

Principals were asked to respond to the statement, "my school

In 2022-23

20% agreed to having sufficient supports



26% neutral

53% disagreed

Compared to 2021-22

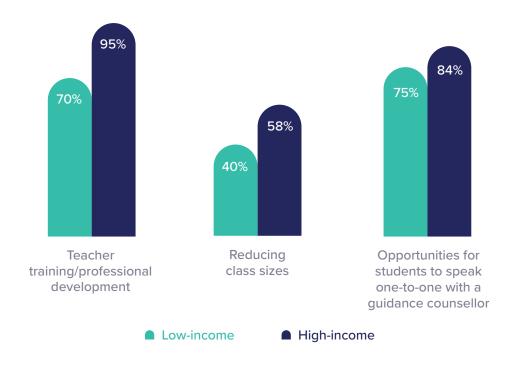
**30% agreed** to having sufficient supports



28% neutral

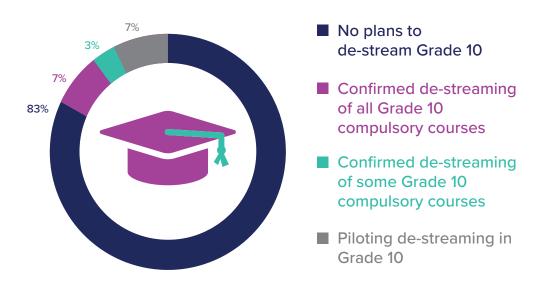
42% disagreed

Schools in low-income neighbourhoods have had disproportionate numbers of students negatively affected by streaming but findings show they are less likely to receive the following three supports.



What about Grade 10? While the province has de-streamed Grade 9 compulsory courses, no plan has been announced to de-stream Grade 10.





People for Education has three recommendations for ensuring the effective implementation of de-streaming:

- Plan in consultation with students, educators, education support staff, and families.
- Provide learning supports for de-streaming that meet schools' diverse needs.
- Monitor and evaluate implementation as frequently as possible.