

Teachers need to be concerned and involved.

1. ETFO is calling on teachers to come out next Saturday, January 21st, to London Ontario to support the CAW workers locked out at the Caterpillar plant. Canadian Auto Workers Union (CAW) members have been locked out since New Year's Day.

Caterpillar is demanding that the workers take a 50% cut in wages at a time when the company is making billion dollar profits. If Caterpillar can destroy this agreement no union in Ontario or Canada is safe.

Teachers must stand behind our sisters and brothers as they fight this U.S. multinational corporation.

ETFO Durham will be part of the Durham District Labour Council bus that leaves Oshawa C.A.W. Local 222 Hall, 1425 Phillip Murray at 7:45 am on Saturday January 21. Come on out and show your solidarity.

Let our Political Action Chair Pam Harrison know you will be there.

Send her a confirmation on Lotus Notes.



Press release: The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL), the Canadian Auto Workers' (CAW) union, the London and District Labour Council, and the Canadian Labour Congress have issued a call to workers across Ontario to mobilize for a massive rally in London on Saturday, January 21 to oppose Electro-Motive Canada (a subsidiary of U.S.-based Caterpillar Inc.) and its attack on decent paying jobs. The rally will begin at 11 a.m.

Electro-Motive locked out workers at its London, Ontario diesel train plant on New Year's Day. It was the latest tactic in the company's attempt to slash benefits and cut wages from \$35 to \$16.50 an hour, following a year in which Caterpillar enjoyed billion dollar profits and a 20 percent boost to production. The company is rumoured to be planning to take advantage of the province's lax labour laws by bringing in scab labour to keep the plant operating while bullying 465 CAW members into devastating concessions. Many fear that the company will ultimately move production to a plant in Indiana.

"We see this struggle as being central to the entire labour movement and we are going to dig in our heels and fight Caterpillar with everything we've got," says OFL President Sid Ryan. "Good jobs and retirement security are being threatened by greedy corporations and every level of government. If workers don't fight back, the middle class will be decimated."

As part of the Day of Action against Caterpillar, the rally will draw attention to the failure of the Harper government to protect Canadian jobs and interests when domestic companies are acquired by foreign

multinationals. It will also call on Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty to support fair collective bargaining by banning the use of scabs in labour disputes.

The Durham Region Labour Council has a bus leaving Saturday January 21 at 7:45am from CAW Local 222 Hall, 1425 Phillip Murray Avenue Oshawa, L1J 8L4 .

Lunch will be provided.