

Toronto Teachers Walk off the Job to Protest Anti-Black Racism



Toronto, May 2 (RHC)-- In Canada, teachers in Toronto launched a mass walkout on Monday, striking to hold a large scale teach-in to protest anti-Black racism in schools. Organized by the Toronto Chapter of Black Lives Matter, BLMTO, along with the Latinx, Afro-Latin-American, Abya Yala Education Network known as LAEN and Educators for Peace and Justice, the demonstration came as a response to a number of incidents that have occurred recently in Toronto.

Earlier this year, a York region trustee used an N-word to refer to a Black parent, while in April, CBC published an article exposing that 50 percent of students expelled in the last five years from the Toronto District School Board region were Black.

Black students face “humiliating discipline, to suspension and expulsions, to placement in behavioral programs, to disengaging curriculum and pedagogy, to violent incidents at the hands of School Resource officers and other police officers inside schools,” wrote BLMTO in a press release.

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