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PROVINCIAL ELECTION EDITION

Election Day: June 7th, 2018

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President's Message

7 ELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

The sources behind the website, NOTDOUG.COM have uncovered some interesting information I thought you should know...

1. Ford's plan to eliminate income tax for minimum wage earners will actually earn them \$1889 less per year than if the province stuck to the \$15 minimum wage. This plan will cost the province \$500M in lost revenue.
2. In order to balance the budget like he claims, Ford will have to either increase taxes or cut jobs and services. Since he said he won't raise taxes, he'll have no choice but to make cuts - \$25 billion worth over three years. Healthcare, public sector jobs, student grants... they're all at risk.
3. In response to a shelter for autistic children being built near his home, Ford stated that it "ruined the community."
4. Every member of the PC caucus, the Libs, and the NDP supported Bill 163, which makes it illegal to harass women at abortion clinics. Ford came out against it.
5. Ford will allow members of his caucus to table legislation restricting access to abortion, even intervening on patient-doctor confidentiality.
6. Ford hired actors to stand in as reporters and interview him while paying others to attend the recent televised debate and support him.
7. A vast majority of the 131,741 listed names in Ontario's sunshine list includes police, doctors, professors, teachers, firefighters, scientists, nurses... These are the people he calls the "liberal elite".

Please consider the facts before heading to the polls on June 7th

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.d03.osstf.ca

Advance Voting

May 26 - May 30

10 AM - 8 PM

Sudbury Riding

Holiday Inn Sudbury
1696 Regent ST, Sudbury, P3E 3Z8

Minnow Lake Place
1127 Bancroft DR, Sudbury, P3B 1R6

Public Library - New Sudbury Branch
1346 Lasalle BLVD, Sudbury, P3A 1Z6



Algoma-Manitoulin Riding

Espanola Reg. Comm. Comp.
175 Avery DR, Espanola, P5E 1C9

Gore Bay Municipal Office
15 Water ST, Gore Bay, P0P 1H0

Nickel Belt Riding

Alban Community Centre
796 64 HWY, Alban, P0M 1A0

Capreol Community Centre
20 Meehan AVE, Capreol, P0M 1H0

Centre Club 50
25 Main ST W, Chelmsford, P0M 1L0

Confederation Secondary School
1918 Main ST, Val Caron, P3N 1B8

Dowling Citizen Service Centre
79 Main ST W, Dowling, P0M 1R0

Garson Community Centre
100 Church ST, Garson, P3L 1E7

Lively District Secondary School
265 Fifth AVE, Lively, P3Y 1M4

St Benedict Catholic Secondary School
2993 Algonquin RD, Sudbury, P3E 6K2

St Paul The Apostle Catholic School
1 Edward AVE N, Coniston, P0M 1M0

Valley East Citizen Service Centre
4100 Elmview DR, Hanmer, P3P 1J7

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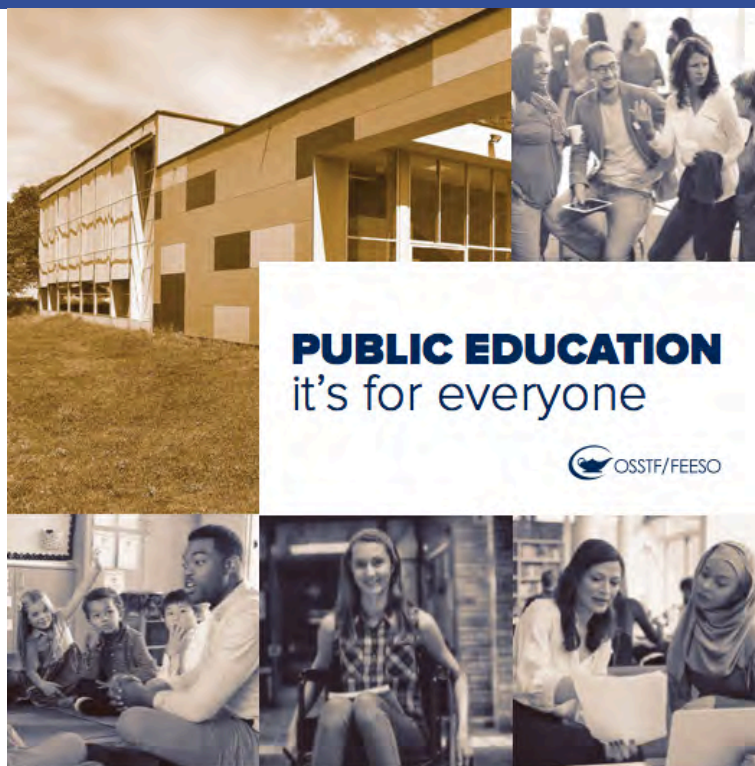


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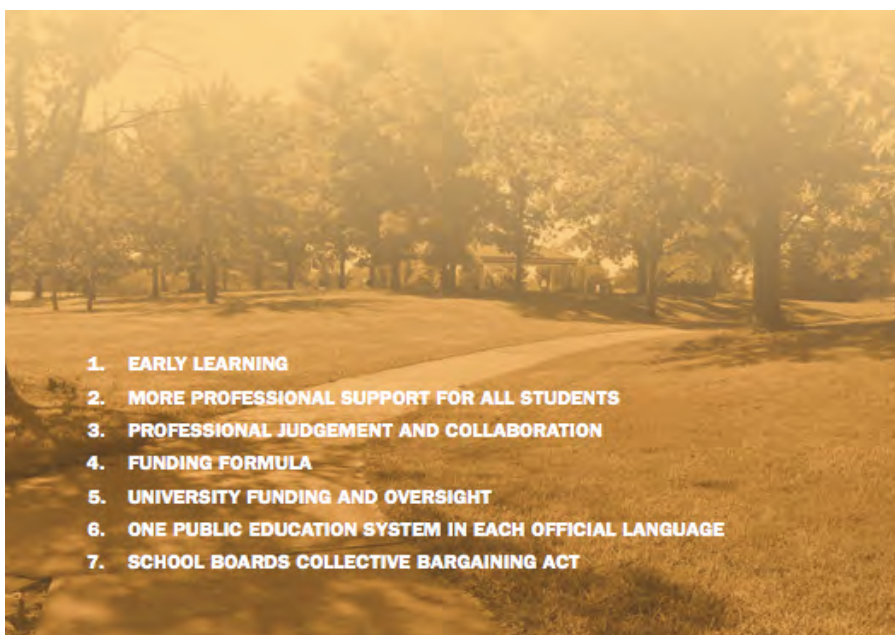


Public education in Ontario has a long tradition of providing students with the knowledge, skills and sense of community they need to find success and contribute in a meaningful way to the social and economic fabric of a prosperous and dynamic province.



OSSTF/FEESO believes strongly in that tradition, but we also recognize that in a rapidly growing and changing Ontario, there's always more work to do to ensure that public education continues to meet the needs of all who rely on it. We believe that the publicly-funded education system should recognize the following principles:

UNIVERSALITY—access for everyone
COMPREHENSIVENESS—opportunity for everyone
PROFICIENCY—achievement for everyone
ACCOUNTABILITY—value for everyone Ontario's public education system is perhaps the province's most important asset.






1. **EARLY LEARNING**
2. **MORE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS**
3. **PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT AND COLLABORATION**
4. **FUNDING FORMULA**
5. **UNIVERSITY FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT**
6. **ONE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM IN EACH OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**
7. **SCHOOL BOARDS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ACT**




OSSTF/FEESO members continue to dedicate their time and energy to protecting and enhancing that system, just as we have for almost 100 years. And we believe it's important for Ontario's government to have a similar commitment to ensuring that public education works for everyone.

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Comparing the Political Parties—Their Education Platform vs. OSSTF/FEESO

		
	Leader—Kathleen Wynne Ontario Liberal Party	Leader—Andrew Gair Ontario New Democratic Party
Early Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to professional student services to support the whole Early Learning Team • Support for children with special needs; additional educational assistants • Teacher and DECE in every kindergarten classroom • Spend full Early Learning funding on kindergarten classrooms only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free pre-school child care for children 2.5 years old through to junior kindergarten by 2020 • More private child care spaces • Expand before and after-school child care in publicly-funded schools up to age 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average of \$12/day child care for low-income earners • 51% increase in not-for-profit child care spaces • Place class size caps on all public schools with more than 26 students • End practice of creating separate classes for split classes
More Professional Support for ALL Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase mental health supports • More school-based speech and language services • Increase funding for more board-employed practitioners • Stable funding for supports for students • Increase mental health literacy • Violence prevention resources • Education sector regulation under <i>Occupational Health & Safety Act</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300 million to improve special education programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase number of education professionals and other education professionals • Fund special education board positions on need • Develop a comprehensive mental health strategy on need • Commitment to supporting safe working environments • Funding to support ending
Professional Judgement and Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require joint consultation committees with boards/unions • Recognize professional judgement as key factor in determining strategies and assessment • Discontinue EQAO testing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will discontinue EQAO standardized testing and random sampling • Review EQAO mandate; protect teacher professional judgement
Funding Formula <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full range of services and programs in schools • Targeted funding for special needs students • Access to professional services • Safe & maintained schools • Access to technology • Maintenance of funding levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address backlog of school repairs and maintenance; \$16 billion over 10 years • Develop more community hubs with schools • More French-language schools • \$411 million for high school apprenticeship program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address backlog of school repairs and maintenance; \$16 billion over 10 years • Overhaul funding formula; ensure equity • Support for Provincial and local education
University Funding and Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase and stabilized funding for university support services • Increases in enrollment equals increases in staffing levels • Oversight and transparency in university funding and spending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand free tuition program to more post-secondary students • Capital investments for post-secondary institutions • Create first Franco-Ontarian university 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert all government loaned students to full-time contract faculty • More full-time contract faculty • Create first Franco-Ontarian university • 27,000 new co-op placements
One Public Education System in Each Official Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All party task force to investigate the merits of one system • Reinvest savings in merging the systems into public education • Involve all education stakeholders in discussion about future of education 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the status quo • Greater protections for French language
School Boards Collective Bargaining Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central bargaining between unions and government only • Boards only have consultative role at central table • One central table for OSSTF teachers & support staff • Central issues limited to salary, benefits & other funding items 		
Sources	Based on Budget 2018 released on March 31, 2018	www.ontariopubliceducation.ca

		
<p>Andrea Horwath Democratic Party</p>	<p>Leader—Doug Ford Ontario Progressive Conservative Party</p>	<p>Leader—Mike Schreiner Green Party of Ontario</p>
<p>are, free for low income</p> <p>profit child care spaces.</p> <p>l kindergarten classes at</p> <p>senior kindergarten/Grade 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax rebate up to \$6,750 per family per year for child care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce kindergarten class sizes • Create a provincial child care strategy • Increase licensed child care spaces • Require all new elementary schools to have child care spaces; before and after school care programs
<p>ional assistants, teachers and als</p> <p>sed on student needs</p> <p>Autism Strategy based</p> <p>education workers to ensure</p> <p>violence in schools</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase funding to have more PSSPs, EAs and librarians in schools • Increase number of guidance teachers; provide equity and suicide prevention training • Ensure systems are in place for meaningful action to address violent incidents in schools • Greater access to mental health services for students
<p>standardized testing, replace with</p> <p>ace greater emphasis on ment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the curriculum in ALL core subject areas • Scrap the “ideological sex-ed curriculum”; replace with age-appropriate curriculum • Scrap discovery math curriculum • Reform EQAO; improve standardized testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate EQAO testing • Develop strategy to increase physical activity at school using evidence-based research
<p>repairs and maintenance;</p> <p>focus on special needs</p> <p>Demonstration schools</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close funding gap between elementary and secondary • Evidence-based review of funding formula every five years • Increase funding for special education
<p>ns into grants for post-</p> <p>lity</p> <p>n university</p> <p>nts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand mandate of Higher Education Quality Council to include complaints and investigations into violations of free speech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase public subsidies to post-secondary students • Student loans interest free • Tuition fee increases set to inflation annually • Reduce precarity for post-secondary teachers
<p>nch-language education</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate the public and separate school systems into one system
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the positive role that unions play in the economy • Support teachers' right to free and fair collective bargaining
<p>dp.ca/platform</p>	<p>Various News Articles and Tweets</p>	<p>www.gpo.ca/vision</p>

**OSSTF DISTRICT 3
VOTE AT THE
ADVANCED POLL
ON MAY 28TH AND....**

**PIZZA AND
APPETIZERS ARE
ON US !!**



**TAPHOUSE
1500 Regent St.**



**Monday
May 28th, 2018
4:00pm - 7:00pm**

DID YOU KNOW - part deux...

For every vote cast during this election, the government will contribute \$2.71 towards that party's next election campaign.

Ford vows changes to Ontario's sex-ed, math curriculums if PCs win election

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Ontario's Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford has promised radical changes to the province's entire education system, from scrapping and replacing the sex-education and math curriculums to policing free speech on university campuses. The promises came just a day ahead of Wednesday's official start to the provincial election campaign.

Mr. Ford said on Tuesday he has heard concerns from many families, and if he becomes premier after the June 7 election, he would consult parents about a more age-appropriate sex-ed curriculum, scrap the "discovery" math system and cut funding to postsecondary institutions that don't allow controversial speakers. He said he would also reform the tests conducted by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) and introduce improved standardized testing. "I want an education system that respects parents. I want schools that are focused on teaching kids the skills that matter. That's reading, writing and math," Mr. Ford said. "We're going to fix the education [system] in Ontario by getting back to the basics, by respecting parents and by respecting free speech at universities."

Packaging a reform of sex-education with campus free speech will play well with Conservative supporters, but could also appeal to other voters who have seen both issues hit the headlines, said Karen Bird, a professor of political science at McMaster University. "Talking about EQAO testing and university free speech are really very distinctive kind of issues and policy domains. Wrapping it all up as somehow Ontario's education system has gone off the rails is interesting," said Dr. Bird, who served on a committee on free expression at the university.

Mr. Ford said on Tuesday that many parents felt "ignored" when the sex-ed curriculum was rolled out in 2015. Educators hailed it as necessary to address the realities children face today. But opponents, mainly faith groups, labelled it age-inappropriate and argued that parents should provide such information. The sex-ed component makes up about 10 per cent of the larger health and physical-education curriculum and handles such topics as acceptance of same-sex couples and online safety.

Tanya Granic Allen, who Mr. Ford recently removed as a candidate over homophobic statements the Liberals brought to light, has been a strong opponent of the sex-ed curriculum and tweeted on Tuesday that she is pleased the leader plans to repeal it. Education Minister Indira Naidoo-Harris said in an e-mail statement on Tuesday that extensive consultation was done on the sex-ed curriculum. She said students are learning about safety and healthy relationships in an age-appropriate way. "At a time where more and more students are active online, we cannot afford to turn back the clock when it comes to student safety and well-being," she said.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said the health and physical-education curriculum had needed to be upgraded, and her party supported the Liberals' changes. She said Mr. Ford would be "dragging our province backwards" by repealing it.

George Kourtis, program co-ordinator for health and physical education at the Toronto District School Board, said staff held community events in 2015 to explain the updates. "I would just encourage the community to read what's actually in the [curriculum] expectations, because it teaches students about respect and safety," Mr. Kourtis said.

Similar political flare-ups have occurred on university campuses over appearances by controversial speakers. It is not clear if the Ford campaign consulted with universities or the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO), the government agency that it would task with investigating free-speech violations.

HEQCO is mandated to measure students' educational outcomes and institutions' ability to deliver high-quality programs efficiently. A spokesperson for the Ford campaign suggested it could expand to look at freedom of expression.

"We continue to do the work that's part of our legislated mandate," said Harvey Weingarten, the CEO of HEQCO, who referred questions about how the agency became involved to the Ford campaign.

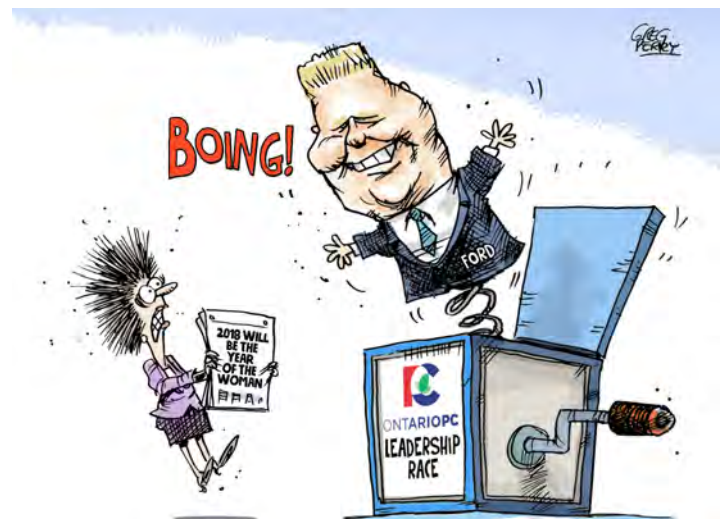
Last year, federal Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer said his party would withhold federal research funds from universities that do not protect free speech. But Mr. Scheer later added that schools should be allowed to ban extreme groups, such as white nationalists.

As well as intervening on sex-ed and campus speech, Mr. Ford also said he would change the math curriculum so that students would focus on basic arithmetic rather than discovery, or creative, strategies.

Proponents say students maintain their interest in math by investigating ideas through problem-solving, pattern discovery and open-ended exploration. But opponents point to test scores, including in Ontario, where results have fallen or stagnated. Half of Grade 6 students failed to meet provincial standards in math in the 2016-17 school year.

Ms. Naidoo-Harris said Mr. Ford "needs to do his homework" when it comes to math, and that students are learning problem-solving and operational skills.

The Liberal government injected \$60-million into the education system to add math-specialist teachers to every school and provide additional training for staff. It has also made 60 minutes of math instruction each day mandatory in elementary school. But some worry it is not nearly enough and some parents want a back-to-basics approach to teaching that emphasizes repetition and drills.



No longer polling third, Horwath and the NDP are fending off attacks from both sides

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First, she found herself in Doug Ford's firing line. Now, Andrea Horwath increasingly finds herself the target of Liberals attacks, too.

With the third-place party in the legislature consistently running a solid second in polls, the NDP leader is fending off both the leading Progressive Conservatives and Kathleen Wynne's Liberals in the run-up to the June 7 election.

"It's no doubt a sign of shifting polls and a recognition that the contest is shaping up differently in different parts of the province," said Sean Speer of the University of Toronto's school of public policy and governance. "Northern Ontario is a good example — there are various parts of the region where the PCs' main opponent may be the NDP rather than the Liberals," said Speer, who is director of the Ontario 360 Project, a website that looks at provincial election issues in detail. "The NDP is going to face more scrutiny than it usually does, including its policies and its candidates. This is a real test. How realistic is its agenda? Have its candidates said non-mainstream things online and elsewhere? The next week may well determine if Andrea Horwath and her team are ready for prime time."

On Friday, at a leaders debate on northern issues, in Parry Sound, the PCs accused a Kingston-area NDP candidate of being an anti-mining activist and radical environmentalist — something Ford mentioned several times during the hour-long event. Horwath told the audience that Ramsey Hart is now a food bank executive. Ford continued his attacks on Saturday, saying the party is no better than the Liberals who have governed for 15 years. "It's clear the NDP have taken a page from Kathleen Wynne," Ford said at a retirement home in Etobicoke Centre, a riding the Conservatives hope to wrest from the Liberals. "They've taken a page from her playbook making promises they can't keep, promising more of your money to try and win the election."

The Liberals, too — facing voters who appear to be keen on change at Queen's Park — have turned their sights on the NDP, accusing the party of covertly planning to raise business education property taxes. Those attacks came after a good week for the NDP, and after a high-profile boost — what Horwath called a "historic endorsement" from the 81,000-member Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario. Though Wynne downplayed it, in education circles it was seen as a clear slap to the Liberals, who have enjoyed widespread support from teacher and support staff unions for decades.

Following the debate, Horwath headed further north to Sudbury, for several campaign events in a riding where the NDP has high hopes. Both the NDP and Progressive Conservatives feel they can knock off Liberal incumbent Glenn Thibeault, a former federal NDPer who was minister of energy in Wynne's Liberal government. The parties see him as vulnerable over hydro bill outrage and an election bribery scandal than landed in the Sudbury courts — though the judge

quickly found the two accused not guilty. The NDP candidate is Jamie West, a community organizer who is president of the Sudbury and District Labour Council. The PCs are running former NHLer Troy Crowder, a local who played for the New Jersey Devils and Los Angeles Kings during his hockey career. "Troy Crowder is an excellent candidate and we believe the Ontario PC Party, under the leadership of Doug Ford, is going to have a massive breakthrough in Northern Ontario," said Ford spokesperson Melissa Lantsman. The Liberals say they are hearing about health, mental health and seniors care from locals, and Thibeault said that going door to door "it's great to see their reaction when they hear about some of the work we've been doing." "I'm not taking anything for granted," he also said. "I'll be working my butt off over the next 25 days talking to people about the Liberal plan for care, not cuts, and discussing the kind of future they want for Ontario."

Wynne has also said she will not alter her style to be more like Ford, or Horwath, despite how her party is doing in the polls. "I'm not going to campaign on slogans — slogans do not help people," she said. "So am I going to campaign like Doug Ford? No. And I'm not going to campaign like Andrea Horwath either. I'm going to campaign like a Liberal — I'm going to campaign based on my knowledge of how we need to have a balance between supporting and working with the private sector and working to create those jobs, and at the same time, investing in people and in the care and supports they need."

Horwath, on the way back from her two-day tour — she also hit Orillia and Barrie on the drive to Toronto — she said she was "thrilled" to see so many people out at the campaign stops. When asked about NDP fortunes in this election — after holding third-place party status during her near-decade as leader — she said there's "such a sense of energy and excitement and momentum." "For me, it's trying to get the sense of where people are at ... I'm excited. I'm excited about how positively people are accepting or embracing our platform." On Sunday, at a Mother's Day campaign stop in East York, Horwath announced that 69 out of 124 New Democrat MPP hopefuls are women, or 56 per cent. The NDP believes hitting that percentage is a first for an Ontario party.



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