

Questionnaire – Ontario Public School Boards' Association

1. Will you and your party continue to support public education and not provide funding to private schools? Please elaborate.

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2. How will you and your political party work with Indigenous leaders, as well as provincial Ministries of Education, to ensure that Indigenous children have every opportunity to attain an education comparable to children in the rest of Canada?

The federal government now provides levels of funding for indigenous education that are comparable to funding provided to children in the rest of Canada. It is our hope that this will eventually lead to comparable educational outcomes.

While in office our previous Conservative government sought ways to give First Nations more autonomy over on-reserve education, including passing the First Nation Jurisdiction over Education in BC Act, which gave First Nations ground-breaking control over on-reserve education. It has been successful at improving education outcomes in that province.

We also did much of the heavy lifting in negotiating the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement, which was concluded and signed after we left office.

3. How would you and your party work collaboratively with the provinces to ensure that Canada takes swift action to further develop a National Mental Health Strategy that includes a particular focus on children and youth?

Our previous Conservative government made important investments in mental health, including creating the Mental Health Commission of Canada, which has done important work including creating a national mental health strategy.

A Conservative government would continue to prioritize mental health.

4. Will your support federal funding that allows school boards to ensure that technology in schools is current and relevant for various student pathways?

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5. How can the federal government include dedicated funding that can be directed to school boards for their capital needs?

See previous answer

6. Would you support dedicated federal funding to those schools that could demonstrate the need for a nutrition program?

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