



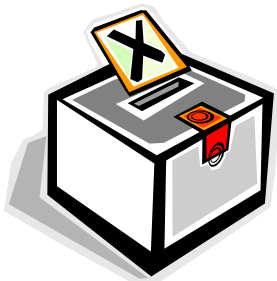
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# The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Provincial Election Information 2018



The education policies of government are far-reaching: the provincial government decides what is taught in Ontario schools and how much of our tax dollars are used to pay for education. These decisions affect everyone, whether or not they have children in the school system.



**Election Day: Thursday, June 7, 2018**



**The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario. Together our members serve the educational needs of nearly 70% of Ontario's elementary and secondary students. The Association advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario. OPSBA believes that the role of public education is to provide universally accessible education opportunities for all students regardless of their ethnic, racial or cultural backgrounds, social or economic status, individual exceptionality, or religious affiliation.**





## **OPSBA's Multi-Year Strategic Priorities**

- The Whole Child and Student Well-Being
- New Generation Education
- Advocating for the Role of Trustees as Members of the Board and Building Leadership Capacity
- Labour Relations
- Education Funding
- Advancing Reconciliation: First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education

### **Questions for Political Parties:**

*What distinguishes your party's education platform from those of the other parties?*

*What is your party's plan to support children and youth and their families who require timely access to community based services for issues related to mental health?*

*How would your party modify educational programs and instructional practices to ensure students have the skills, attitudes, values and knowledge to succeed in today's complex global context?*

*How will your party review the education funding formula to ensure that school boards receive full and adequate funding?*

*How would your party increase student achievement and improve the learning environment for Indigenous students?*

*How would your party maintain labour peace in our school system?*

*How would your party support the important role of school boards and the democratically elected school board trustee?*



## The Whole Child and Student Well-Being

OPSBA believes that improving student achievement and student engagement is directly linked to ensuring that we work collaboratively for the social, emotional, mental and physical well-being of all children and youth.



## New Generation Education

OPSBA believes that preparing students for success in the 21st century means that our educational programs and instructional practices must incorporate the skills, attitudes, values and knowledge that are needed for today's complex global context.





## Advocating for the Role of Trustees as Members of the Board and Building Leadership Capacity

OPSBA believes that trustees make a significant and direct contribution to the achievement of all students through their leadership in directing the policies and priorities of the local school board that shape a culture of continuous improvement.



## Labour Relations

OPSBA believes that teachers and education workers deeply influence a positive and productive learning environment for students and are supported in this role through the peace and stability engendered by successfully negotiated collective agreements.



## Education Funding

OPSBA believes that strong and equitable education funding is a foundational factor in setting the conditions that promote and sustain student achievement.



## Advancing Reconciliation: First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education

OPSBA believes that through education we can move towards a Canada where the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians is founded on mutual respect and OPSBA, therefore, supports the Calls to Action of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).





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**Green Party of Ontario**

<https://gpo.ca>

**Liberal Party of Ontario**

<https://www.ontarioliberal.ca>

**New Democratic Party of Ontario**

<https://www.ontariondp.ca>

**Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario**

<https://www.ontariopc.ca>

**Elections Ontario**

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