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2022 Questions to the PC Party of Ontario and Opposition Parties

1. *As schools transition from the COVID-19 school experience, how does your party plan to address the heightened realities of mental health and well-being, student re-engagement, learning recovery and issues of equity, diversity, inclusion and human rights to ensure student readiness to learn the skills, attitudes, values and knowledge necessary in today's complex global context?*
2. *Boards continue to stress the need for local flexibility in order to balance their operating budgets and meet unique local cost pressures and needs. Will your party consider re-establishing the Local Priorities Grant to allow specific local board initiatives, meet funding challenges and support the achievement and well-being of all students?*
3. *Knowing and acknowledging that many First Nations students already face significant gaps in learning outcomes and achievement, often two to three year gaps by comparison to their non-Indigenous public school counterparts, and knowing the impact the pandemic has had on remote learning for students, what would your party propose to do to mitigate learning loss specific to the unique challenges and needs face by many First Nation students across many Indigenous communities in the province particularly those in remote areas?*
4. *What concrete actions will your party take to promote and facilitate the elimination of systemic racism and oppression within the policy, practices and structures in our public education system?*
5. *How would your party work towards maintaining labour peace in our school system?*
6. *Is your party committed to working together with public school boards and do you support the current form of school board governance?*

Are there any other specific education-related platform pieces you would like to highlight?

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association represents English public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve more than 1.3 million public elementary and secondary students. The Association advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario. OPSBA is seen as the credible voice of public education in Ontario and is routinely called on by the provincial government for input and advice on legislation and the impact of government policy directions.