

# COMPARING POLITICAL PARTIES' EDUCATION PLATFORMS VS. OSSTF/FEESO'S

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<div><div><div>VOTE</div><div>TO FIX PUBLIC EDUCATION</div></div></div>	1. Invest in publicly funded education and the economic future of Ontario	2. Fix teacher and education worker shortages	3. Provide personalized learning and programming supports for students	4. Ensure safe and healthy places to learn and work
<div><div><div><div>Parti</div><div>vert</div><div>de l'Ontario</div></div><div><div>green</div><div>Party of Ontario</div></div></div><div>Party Leader—Mike Schreiner <a href="#">Green Party Election Platform</a></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Immediately increase per-student funding by \$1500</li><li>• Immediately increase per-student university and college funding by 20% and commit to annual increases matching inflation</li><li>• Establish an independent review of the funding formula</li><li>• Fund staffing for special education assistants, counsellors, social workers, ESL teachers, and other supports to provide equitable access for all students</li><li>• Enhanced funding to support de-streaming support - reduce class sizes, dedicated education workers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish an Education Task Force focused on education policy and funding models, addressing staff shortages and designing special education supports and programs.</li><li>• Expand funding for additional, qualified PSSP, EAs, and other education workers</li><li>• Implement a dedicated tuition waiver to attract students into post-secondary programs in education careers facing shortages</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase funding to reduce class sizes and provide adequate teacher and education workers</li><li>• Reverse Ford cuts to OSAP, convert loans to grants for low and middle-income students, eliminate interest on student debt</li><li>• Ensure kindergarten staffed with full-time certified teachers and ECEs</li><li>• Update funding to account for the unique needs of remote and rural schools</li><li>• Remove two eLearning graduation requirements</li><li>• Eliminate EQAO</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address the repair backlog and consult to adopt a Standard of Good Repair for public schools</li><li>• Create multi-stakeholder Safety and Wellbeing at School Action Table</li><li>• Create sector-specific education sector regulation under OHSA</li><li>• Double access to Student Nutrition Programs and expand to province-wide by 2030</li></ul>
<div><div><div>LIBÉRAL</div></div><div>Party Leader—Bonnie Crombie <a href="#">Ontario Liberal Party Platform</a></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Close the funding gap of \$1500 in K-12 and match future funding to inflation</li><li>• Establish a student-to-teacher and student-to-education worker ratio to increase access for student supports (K-12)</li><li>• Hire additional French educators</li><li>• Hold school boards accountable for funding – make schools safer for students, teachers, and education workers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Re-introduce/reduce B.Ed. to a one-year faculty of education</li><li>• Waive postsecondary tuition for targeted programs to address teacher and education worker shortages</li><li>• Living wage for ECEs</li><li>• Negotiate fair wages for teachers and education workers through free and fair collective bargaining</li><li>• Commit to mutual respect and collaboration between Ministry and groups</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish a student-to-teacher ratio and student-to-education worker ratio for K-12 to increase access to support and supervision</li><li>• Clear special education-related waitlists and assessment backlog</li><li>• Eliminate interest on OSAP, raise the income threshold for repayment to \$50,000 a year</li><li>• Cap international student enrollment at 10%</li><li>• Phase out P3 model for public colleges</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expanding funding, eligibility and flexibility for the Safe Schools Grant program to address unique staffing and infrastructure needs</li><li>• Double annual capital funding in K-12 - clear school repair backlog and install heating, A/C, and air filtration</li><li>• Reduce the education worker-to-student ratio in the Core Education Funding formula – hire more permanent staff</li></ul>
<div><div><div>ONTARIO</div><div>NDP</div><div>NDP</div></div><div>Party Leader—Marit Stiles <a href="#">Ontario NDP Platform</a></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reverse Ford's \$1500 per student cut in funding</li><li>• Review the funding model, and shift to needs-based funding</li><li>• Hire more staff -teachers, educational assistants, CYWs, ECEs, PSSPs, custodial and trades workers to maintain a nurturing school environment</li><li>• Fix the student transportation funding formula</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding to hire additional qualified staff, including mental health professionals, EAs, child and youth workers, and other education workers.</li><li>• Reduce class sizes to increase one-on-one attention for students and to make schools safer for everyone</li><li>• Increase funding for comprehensive training for all workers and supervisors to address violence in schools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a universal School Food Program for all students using fresh food prepared and grown in Ontario.</li><li>• Maintain domestic post-secondary tuition fee freeze</li><li>• Eliminate student loan interest and turn student loans into grants</li><li>• Data driven, evidence informed policy and funding to create more equitable schools</li><li>• Invest in Francophone education and French-language child-care programs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a sector-specific regulation for education under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.</li><li>• Establish a single, province-wide online reporting system for violent incidents</li><li>• Establish a permanent, tri-partite Provincial Health and Safety Working Group</li><li>• Clear repair backlog within 10 years</li><li>• Invest an additional \$830 million/year to fix the repair backlog and keep up with school maintenance</li></ul>
<div><div><div>ONTARIO PC</div></div><div>Party Leader—Doug Ford <a href="#">Ontario PC Platform</a></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invest \$1.3 billion more to build 320 new schools and 15 school expansions, creating more than 25,000 new student spaces and more than 1,800 new licensed child-care spaces</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new policies or strategies beyond items announced before the start of the 2025 provincial election</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new policies or strategies beyond items announced before the start of the 2025 provincial election</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new policies or strategies beyond items announced before the start of the 2025 provincial election</li><li>• No policies or strategies announced in response to OSSTF/FEESO's platform or the Safe at school – OSSTF/FEESO Policy Paper on Building Safer School Communities (January 2025)</li></ul>

This chart summarizes key points in each party platform and is not an exhaustive list. Visit each party's website for their complete platform documents.