

ON JUNE 2, VOTE FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

Election Checklist for ETFO Members

- Make sure that you are on the Voters List by checking on the Elections Ontario website: elections.on.ca
- Sign up to ETFO's campaign at: BuildingBetterSchools.ca/mobilize
- Volunteer as a campaign worker.
- Make a financial contribution to your preferred candidate(s) and political party.
- Agree to take an election sign.
- Be as informed as possible about election issues, especially those related to education. Find additional election resources at: members.etfo.ca/link/Election2022
- Attend all-candidates' meetings and ask questions on education issues.
- When candidates or their representatives canvass for your vote, be direct about the issues that are a priority to you and help raise the importance of public education as a vote-determining issue.
- Discuss education issues with your neighbours and friends.
- Encourage family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbours to vote in the provincial election.
- Help get the vote out for your candidate on Election Day.
- Vote at an advance poll or on Election Day. Find your advance poll location at: voterinformationsservice.elections.on.ca

Have an Impact by Making a Financial Donation

Political parties rely totally on financial donations from individuals. Unions and corporations cannot donate to political parties.

Donations to a Political Party

The annual limit for donations to a political party is \$3,325.

Donations to a Party Candidate

The total annual limit for donations to candidates of one political party is \$3,325. You can donate as much as \$3,325 to one candidate. If you donate to more than one candidate aligned with a political party, the overall limit is \$3,325.

You can donate to more than one political party or candidates of more than one political party. The donation limits apply separately to each political party.

Tax Credits for Political Donations

A political donation doesn't cost you much; you get most of it back through Ontario's political donation tax credit program.





Here are some examples of contributions and the related Ontario tax credit:

Donation	Tax Credit	Cost to Donor
\$100	\$75	\$25
\$200	\$150	\$50
\$300	\$225	\$75
\$400	\$300	\$100





The percentage of the tax credit reduces slightly on donations above \$437.

For information about Ontario's tax credit for political donations, check this link: ontario.ca/page/political-contribution-tax-credit-individuals

2022 Provincial Election Platforms – Key Education Issues

	 PC*	 NDP	 Ontario Liberal Party	 Green Party of Ontario
Class Size	In 2019, implemented class size averages for grades 4 to 8 of 24.5 and increased average class sizes for high school from 22 to 24. No caps on class size for grades 4 to 8. No changes to class size during the pandemic or in the 2022 budget.	Cap class sizes at 24 for grades 4 to 8. Cap class sizes at 26 for Kindergarten. Reduce high school class size.	Cap class sizes at 20 students for grades 1 to 12.	Cap class sizes at 24 for grades 4 to 8. Cap class sizes at 26 for Kindergarten.
Funding Formula	Reduced public education funding by 6 per cent over four years. In 2021-22 public schools received \$1.6 billion less than in 2017-18.	Will complete a comprehensive review of the education funding formula within one year.	Review and update the education funding formula.	Independent review the education funding formula and ensure this happens every five years.
Staffing	Increases to class size led to the loss of thousands of teaching positions. Budget 2022 includes \$304 million to maintain some of the additional staffing required during the pandemic, this funding will not be renewed past 2023.	Hire 20,000 additional teachers and education workers, including one more educational assistant per school.	Hire 10,000 additional teacher and 5,000 additional special education workers. Reinstate Grade 13 as an optional fifth year of high school.	Increase staffing to meet proposed class size reductions.
Special Education	Under the PC government special education funding has flatlined despite the increase in need for additional supports.	Increase special education funding. Will base special education funding on actual needs with timely needs assessments.	Reduce wait times for special education programs/services. Hire 5,000 additional special education workers (one for every school).	Ensure an updated funding formula has adequate funding for special education supports.
Kindergarten	Threatened damaging changes to the Kindergarten program, including changing the current teacher/DECE staffing model. Committed to maintaining the Teacher/DECE model until the end of the 2021-22 school year.	Cap class sizes at 26 and maintain the teacher/DECE team. Ensure a DECE is assigned to every Kindergarten class.		Cap class sizes at 26 for Kindergarten.

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Building Inclusive Schools	<p>Cancelled Indigenous curriculum writing sessions and cut funding for the anti-racism directorate.</p> <p>Rolled back the Health and Physical Education Curriculum immediately after taking office.</p> <p>End academic streaming for Grade 9 courses beginning in September 2022.</p>	<p>Amend the Education Act to address racism and discrimination.</p> <p>Ensure mandatory collection and reporting of race-based data for students and staff.</p> <p>Work with Indigenous leaders and educators to ensure curricula reflect Indigenous experiences.</p> <p>Increase funding for Indigenous language education.</p> <p>End academic streaming in Ontario so that every student has the opportunity to succeed.</p> <p>Create a Working Group to address the French-language teacher shortage.</p>	<p>Update the curriculum to reflect a more modern and diverse Ontario.</p> <p>Bring back and expand Indigenous history, languages and culture lessons; including learning about residential schools.</p> <p>End academic streaming with the appropriate supports to support students experiencing learning gaps.</p> <p>Support learning French and other languages.</p>	<p>Mandatory collection and reporting of race-based data for students and staff.</p> <p>End streaming to ensure equity for all students.</p> <p>Update the curriculum to include informed discussions of anti-Black racism, 2SLGBTQIA+ prejudice and all forms of discrimination.</p> <p>Restore funding for the Indigenous curriculum program.</p> <p>Establish clearly visible all-gender washrooms in schools.</p> <p>Immediately remove all Resource Officers from Ontario schools.</p>
Support for Student and Educator Mental Health	<p>Budget 2022 contains an increase of \$10 million to funding for mental health programs and initiatives.</p>	<p>Increase in-school support by hiring more mental health workers, child and youth workers, and other education workers.</p> <p>Create a new position at the school board to assess and improve the delivery of mental health care in schools.</p> <p>Improve access to children and youth mental services and cap wait times at 30 days.</p>	<p>Hire 10,000 more mental health workers for students and staff.</p> <p>Expand the Student Nutrition Program to ensure every K-12 student who needs a free breakfast gets one.</p> <p>Increase the minimum physical activity per day for elementary students from 20 minutes to 60 minutes.</p>	<p>Increase funding for children's mental health to reduce wait times to less than 30 days.</p> <p>Ensure mental health, wellness and resiliency training are included across the education system.</p> <p>Implement a province-wide nutritious school lunch program.</p>
School Infrastructure	<p>Budget 2022 proposes \$14 billion for capital spending in schools over 10 years. This represents status quo funding and does not address the school repair backlog estimated at \$16 billion.</p>	<p>Address the school repair backlog, with a plan to clear it within 10 years.</p> <p>Ensure all schools have up-to-date ventilation systems.</p> <p>Hire more custodians and maintenance staff and establish a provincewide standard for cleaning and school repairs.</p> <p>Upgrade public school buildings to make them carbon neutral.</p>	<p>Cancel the Highway 413 project and redirect \$10 billion in funding to address the school repair backlog.</p> <p>Put schools and community hubs in the same building.</p>	<p>Address the repair backlog for Ontario public schools.</p> <p>Provide funding for schools to make energy efficiency and ventilation improvements.</p>
Assessment and EQAO	<p>The PC government is moving ahead with experimental digital EQAO tests for students in grades 3 and 6, even while schools are still struggling with the impacts of the pandemic.</p>	<p>End EQAO testing and work with educators to determine how random sampling could help spot early trends.</p>	<p>End EQAO tests and adopt a new assessment strategy.</p> <p>Modernize school report cards to make them easier to understand.</p>	<p>End EQAO testing.</p>
Respect for Educators	<p>The PC government changed the governance structure of the Ontario College of Teachers effectively ending self-regulation of the teaching profession.</p>	<p>Establish a partnership table with representation from worker's unions, school board trustees, principals and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Roll back recent changes to the Ontario College of Teachers to ensure the profession is truly self-regulated.</p>	<p>Reconvene the Education Partnership Table to seek input from stakeholders, including education unions.</p>	<p>Work with educators on curriculum changes.</p>
Online and Hybrid Learning	<p>The PC government implemented two mandatory online courses for secondary students.</p> <p>Mandated boards to provide online learning for the 2022-23 school year and continues to allow hybrid learning.</p> <p>Plan for the outsourcing and privatization of online learning through TVO and TFO.</p>	<p>Scrap the mandatory requirement for two online courses.</p> <p>End hybrid learning models.</p> <p>Scrap Ford's plan to privatize online learning.</p>	<p>End mandatory online learning.</p> <p>Create high-quality online options for high school students.</p>	<p>Support in-person learning and oppose mandatory e-learning or hybrid learning models.</p>

* The Progressive Conservative Party has not released a platform at the time of drafting. This comparison uses the government record and the 2022 Budget tabled prior to the election campaign.