

ASK THE CANDIDATES

The following questions cover some of the more pressing issues facing the Ontario electorate today. It is important to supplement these questions with ones that address the key local issues in your riding. By providing this list of questions to your volunteers, it will give them confidence to ask questions and to start thinking of their own.

- 1.** How has your political party strengthened the public education system in Ontario?
- 2.** In your party's election policy platform, what commitments are in place to strengthen the public education system in Ontario?
- 3.** Do you believe there is need for more investments to update and improve our schools' infrastructure? Does your party support these repairs in their policy documents?
- 4.** Do you believe more work needs to be done on violence prevention in schools? What has your political party committed to doing in the future?
- 5.** What role, if any, do charter/private/publicly funded separate schools have in the future of Ontario's publicly funded education system?
- 6.** Would you consider supporting one public education system in each official language in Ontario? Why/Why not?
- 7.** Would you support an all-party task force to look into the merits and challenges of moving to one public education system in each official language?
- 8.** How will your party revise the education funding formula to ensure that school boards receive full and adequate funding to meet student needs?
- 9.** What will your party do to restore full funding to adult education programs across the province?
- 10.** What role, if any, should public/private partnerships have in the delivery of essential public services such as education, health care, and corrections?
- 11.** How has (or will) your party enhance the public education system as a way to strengthen economic development/recovery? Local communities? Citizenship?





- 12.** What steps will your party take to ensure post-secondary education opportunities are available and accessible to all qualified students, including those from lower and middle income families as well as those living in rural, northern and remote communities?
- 13.** What will happen to full day kindergarten if your party forms the next government?
- 14.** With declining enrollment, school boards have been faced with tough decisions on school closures and the programs that can be offered. What steps would your party take to address declining enrollment and potentially reduced programming opportunities for students?
- 15.** Does your party see an opportunity to capitalize on greater utilization of public school facilities within communities? (for example, the Community Hub model).
- 16.** Standardized testing is a large expense to taxpayers in Ontario while delivering negligible value. Are there any changes to the current system that your party would advocate for and implement if elected?
- 17.** Which values guide your actions day-to-day?
- 18.** What is your motivation for running in this election?
- 19.** What are the top 3 reasons why I should vote for you?
- 20.** In your opinion, what is the most pressing problem the people of Ontario face and what specific action will you take to address it?
- 21.** How does your life experience prepare you for the duties you wish to assume?
- 22.** What makes you the ideal candidate to represent the people of our riding?

