

CUPE Ontario Election Fact Sheet

School Board Sector

The Ontario Council of School Board Unions (OSBCU) unites 55,000 school board workers in the public, Catholic, English and French school systems across the province. We are the backbone of the education system and include education assistants, school library workers, administrative assistants, custodians and tradespeople, early childhood educators, instructors, nutrition service workers, school safety monitors and social workers, in schools and board offices.

CUPE Ontario sued the government to restore our constitutional right-to-strike. We demanded a halt to any school closures along with a rewrite to the funding formula. And, we have lobbied for a reversal to the chronic underfunding, which has created a shortage in staff to help kids in need.

Liberals 15 year record:

- Brought in Bill 115 that violated workers collective bargaining rights and imposed non-negotiated, concession filled contracts
- Continuation of broken school funding formula which has led to poorly resourced and crumbling schools
- Closed hundreds of schools

Conservative platform:

- Silent on almost all issues that would help our schools
- Promise to cut \$6 billion from budget will almost guarantee less money going to our schools
- Will find 'efficiencies' which is code for firing our members and more cuts

We don't have to choose between BAD and WORSE.

The Ontario NDP will:

- Fix the funding formula and fund schools properly based on quality and equity
- Cap kindergarten class size to 26 students and help ease violence in the classroom
- Institute a moratorium on school closures
- Increase funding for Educational Assistants
- Invest \$16 billion to fix the back log of repairs in our schools
- Set up a committee to designate resources to end violence at work (the NDP is the only party to acknowledge violence is a growing problem in our workplaces)

Demand Better. On June 7 - Vote NDP.