

Riding: Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

Questions	Laurie Scott Progressive Conservative Candidate	Brooklynn Cramp-Waldinsperger Liberal Candidate	Zac Miller NDP Candidate
1. What will your party do to strengthen Ontario's publicly funded education system?	The Ontario PCs believe that educating our children is the most important job and to do this, we need to restore Ontario's education system to one that respects teachers and parents and puts our children first. An Ontario PC Government will get back to basics. This includes teaching kids the fundamentals of math, consulting parents on curriculum and respecting free speech on university campuses.	Due to Ontario Liberal Government's investments, Ontario's education system is one of the best in the world. Our Ontario Liberal Government has increased funding for education every year we've been in office. This year that means an investment of \$24.5 billion, or a \$3.5 billion increase since 2013. It's thanks to these investments that our high school graduation rate has risen to 86.5%, up 18% under our government. We've also implemented full day kindergarten, capped class sizes and increased funding for special education. We are investing more than \$18 billion to build new schools and we have already built nearly 860 new schools and funded additions and renovations to 840 others. We will continue to build schools and invest in our students to create more fairness and opportunity across Ontario.	The Liberals and Conservatives have underfunded education for decades. Our children – and teachers and educators – deserve more support, not less. New Democrats support the continued funding of Ontario's four publicly funded education systems. We believe that our immediate priority for education must be addressing the critical issues in our education system that require the most urgent attention, such as tackling the repair backlog and fixing the funding formula.
2. How will your party address the growing concern of violence in our schools?	For the past 15 years, our teachers have been ignored, parents have been pushed to the sidelines and our children have been left behind. An Ontario PCs Government will respect decisions of parents and the expertise of teachers and law enforcement when it comes to keeping our children safe in schools. We are also committed to working closely in consultation with them to make sure that our children receive the best quality of education in a safe environment.	I support that the Ontario government must adequately address the issue of violence towards teachers and staff in schools. The Ministries of Education and Labour must proactively support school board compliance with health and safety legislative and policy requirements and reporting of incidents. I propose a stronger health and safety culture needs to be built within school boards with increased training provided at all levels. Teachers and support staff deserve to be protected against violence within schools, and the provincial government must work cooperatively to adequately address those concerns.	New Democrats believe that every worker has the right to a safe and healthy workplace. Educators have been bearing the brunt of increasing incidents of violence and harassment in our classrooms. Parents are growing uneasy about their children's safety at school. While school boards are legally responsible for both student achievement and well-being, they have insufficient resources to ensure the well-being of all learners within a classroom. Andrea Horwath and the NDP are committed to tackling classroom violence by supporting teachers and educational assistants, curbing class sizes and supporting our most vulnerable students to make classroom environments safer and more conducive to learning. We are also committed to revamping the funding formula, which will address violence in classrooms. We will ensure that recent amendments to health and safety legislation are fully implemented and supported at the school level.
3. How will your party ensure policies are put into place so students with mental health challenges are getting the support they need?	An Ontario PC Government believes that patients deserve mental health services they can count on. That is why we will invest \$1.9 billion in 10 years in mental health, addictions and housing supports. This commitment will help build a comprehensive mental health system in Ontario that will help students, health care workers, and all those facing mental health challenges. We will work closely with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Children's Mental Health Ontario, and Addictions and Mental Health Ontario to ensure value for money when we make these investments.	The Liberal Party understands that having accessible and relevant mental health information and resources is imperative to students' success. We have introduced the single largest investment in mental healthcare in Canadian history, with a \$2.1 billion commitment that will mean better and faster access to mental health and addiction services for hundreds of thousands more children, youth, and adults across Ontario. Every secondary school in Ontario will have access to an additional mental health worker. The presence of mental health professionals within secondary schools will be vital at times of crisis to support the wellbeing of our most vulnerable students.	With the elimination of EQAO testing, New Democrats will use those funds to hire 400 new mental health workers to ensure every high school has access to mental health supports and invest \$590 million over five years to ensure any young person in crisis can get the care they need within 30 days. Every student should have access to the help they need when in a crisis.

Riding: Northumberland-Peterborough South

Questions	David Piccini Progressive Conservative Candidate	Lou Rinaldi Liberal Candidate	Jana Papuckoski NDP Candidate
1. What will your party do to strengthen Ontario's publicly funded education system?	<i>No response.</i>	The Ontario Liberal Party remains firmly committed to publicly funded Catholic education, and has made historic investments in our system. This has enabled hiring more than 40,000 additional teachers and education workers into the system to support student success during a period of declining enrolment. It has also contributed to caps on K-3 class size, reduced average class size and the complete roll-out of full-day kindergarten for every four and five year old in Ontario.	<i>No response.</i>
2. How will your party address the growing concern of violence in our schools?	<i>No response.</i>	Any violence in our schools is unacceptable. After widespread engagements, we committed \$49 million dollars to support well-being in our schools. This includes an increase in funding for boards to respond to local priorities and funding to support staff well-being. The Ontario Liberal Party remains committed to driving positive change in our schools, including by investing \$300 million over the next three years to support students with special needs.	<i>No response.</i>
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Riding: Durham

Questions	Lindsey Park Progressive Conservative Candidate	Granville Anderson Liberal Candidate	Joel Usher NDP Candidate
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Questions	David Smith Progressive Conservative Candidate	Jeff Leal Liberal Candidate	Sean Conway NDP Candidate
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