

Our Values:

1. The will of the majority must prevail, within the bounds of the Canadian Constitution.
2. Government exists only to do those things that individuals or groups of individuals cannot do as efficiently.
3. Government services should be provided at the level closest to the user of that service, with that level of government being held accountable to voters.
7. All citizens are equal.
12. We believe that both rural and urban Ontario are necessary partners for a bright Ontario future.
13. We believe that a well-educated population translates into a high standard of living.
17. We believe that modern & well-planned infrastructure is needed to ensure the safety and prosperity of our citizens.

Education Reform is needed in Ontario:

Reform Ontario wants to re-focus Ontarians towards a single, all-for-one objective: Creating the best place to live and work, and do business, in North America. Our schools exist to educate our citizens through elementary, secondary, post-secondary & skills education. Today our schools suffer from aging facilities, declining enrollment, rising costs, and an administrative overhead which is not needed to allow our schools to carry out their functions. Our school graduates need to do better on standardized testing, and they need to be offered both university and trades educations upon completion of high school. Our schools are not functioning as the 'great levellers' in our society that they are capable of being, and students graduating often lack both literacy/numeracy and social skills to make them of value in the work force.

To that end, we propose the following remedies:

1. District School Boards will be abolished & schools of all types that receive public funding will be administered by their local municipality. The Ministry of Education will continue to set curriculum, inspect schools, plus oversee standardized testing and teacher education/licensing.
2. School councils will remain in place at each school.
3. School curriculum will include Ontario cultural traditions (even if they are based on Christian heritage), plus music and art
4. All schools will operate on a budget for that specific school.
5. All principals will be charged with the operation of their school in all respects, including manpower responsibilities.
6. School closures will now only be resolved by municipalities so that they can take into account all variables that must be considered, besides money. Boundary changes will be stressed before schools will be closed.
7. We will introduce measures aimed at significantly increasing physical fitness and community/volunteer-level involvement.
8. All publicly-funded school students and staff will wear uniforms.
9. Dual Stream secondary education will be reintroduced, with students interested in trades careers aimed directly at apprenticeships to address anticipated shortages in the skilled trades in the years ahead.
11. School days will return to the normal lunch hour rather than two nutrition breaks.
12. School transportation will be harmonized to better utilize busing for elementary & secondary students in both public and Catholic schools.
13. All PA/PD days will occur during the summer recess.