

# OSSTF DISTRICT 10

## ***MP Candidate Questionnaire***

Q1: If elected as Member of Parliament, identify your top three (3) priorities and explain their importance.

A1: *1. Ensuring people and families can afford to get by. Cost of living is going up, and we need to make it easier for people to conduct their day to day lives, putting more money back in their pockets.*  
*2. Working for the members of my community to mitigate the damage caused by climate change. While we need to work hard to prevent further erosion and catastrophic damage, we must also help those who are here recover from the ravages of Climate Change.*  
*3. Ensuring that our government lives up to its commitments to seniors. We owe them retirement with dignity.*

Q2: Mental health is a growing concern across Canada. What would you do differently to make sure there is adequate funding to address the crisis of children and youth mental health across this country?

A2: *I will work with our government to set clear national standards for access to mental health services, so that those who need care and support have it available to them. We need to work region by region, service by service, and nation by nation to ensure all those that need help receive the treatment and care they deserve.*

Q3: Will your government continue to increase broadband development and implementation to ensure there is equity of access for all school boards across the country?

A3: *Our government will ensure that every single Canadian has access to high-speed internet by 2030. It is a vital piece of infrastructure needed to grow our economy, and to educate our children, to help them prepare for the jobs of tomorrow.*

Q4: What kinds of support, staff, and programming do you feel are essential to meet the needs of children with special needs? What steps would you take to ensure these supports are provided?

A4: *We need to focus on making sure every single student has the resources needed to appropriately care for, and develop all of our children and students. I will work with experts in the field to develop a framework and strategy to best assist these children in reaching their full potential.*

Q5: How would you and your party work collaboratively with Indigenous peoples in Canada toward the full and effective implementation of the Calls to Action of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission? What place do you see this having in public education?

A5: *We must work in close collaboration with First Nations partners to deliver better, and more timely distinctions based support. We must work, nation by nation, to implement the changes needed, in the appropriate and sensitive manner. Public education is key in bridging some of the cultural gaps that exist on a social level, and public education as a whole should play an important role moving forward.*

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