

OSSTF/FEESO Candidate Questionnaire: Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Provincial By-election

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What do you think are the top issues facing public education in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex and how do you intend to address them?	<p>After years of underfunding and neglect, students and teachers need the government to bring stability to the school system and get back to the high-quality education system our community deserves.</p> <p>For the Ontario Greens, that means retaining strong and committed teachers, properly funding our educational support workers, strengthening caps on class sizes, addressing the school repair backlog and improving funding models for our education system.</p>
What will your government do to improve student learning conditions in the public education system in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex?	<p>To strengthen student learning conditions, Ontario Greens will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Address the school repair backlog; * Strengthen caps on class sizes; * Increase funding for enhanced outdoor education, greenspace in school yards, and enhanced curriculum content on critical environmental topics such as food literacy and climate change; * Oppose any move toward mandatory e-learning and hybrid learning models; * Establish an independent review of Ontario's education funding formula so it adequately reflects student needs, and review the formula every five years; and * Ensure the updated funding formula takes into account the unique needs of remote and rural schools.
What will you do to ensure schools are centres of the community that meet students' physical and mental health needs, in particular our Indigenous, exceptional, and at-risk students?	<p>To ensure that our schools are equipped to meet students' mental and physical health needs, Greens will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Make the appropriate investments so students can easily connect to community mental health professionals at or near primary and secondary schools; * Implement a comprehensive curriculum that

	<p>covers issues such as mental wellness, coping skills, and stress management;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Implement a province-wide nutritious school lunch program;* Provide educators multi-discipline training to help them address student sensory and behavioural issues and adopt teaching strategies that support students with a wide spectrum of accommodation needs; and* Restore funding for the Indigenous curriculum program and work with Indigenous educators and community leaders to develop a mandatory curriculum on colonialism and residential schools, treaties, and Indigenous histories and experiences;
<p>Please feel free to provide any additional information about your candidacy in relation to public education in the space below.</p>	