



DISTRICT 18 Upper Grand

Friday, June 1, 2018

Dear Members

As you are aware OSSTF began its preparations for next Thursday's provincial election months ago. Extensive consultations at all levels of OSSTF led to the creation of our election priorities focusing on public education. With these priorities as our foundation our Provincial Executive and CPAC department devised our election strategy.

Based on information from many sources including input from local OSSTF representatives the OSSTF strategy was finalized prior to the start of the official campaign. The rationale was to support candidates sympathetic to our public education priorities and those who were most likely to prevent a PC candidate from winning in any riding. As a result, the Federation looked to provide support to NDP candidates in certain ridings and even a small number of Liberal candidates in very specific ridings until yesterday when that support was rescinded.

Election campaigns are fluid events and much can change during a campaign. In monitoring this campaign the Provincial Executive has recognized the strong and increasing support for NDP candidates across the province. This significant and positive change in the campaign seems to indicate an NDP provincial government is possible.

In recognition of this shift in voter intentions, and the reality that the NDP is the most supportive of OSSTF public education priorities, D18 is endorsing all 4 NDP candidates in all ridings within Upper Grand.

This recommendation is the result of significant consultations and discussions within OSSTF including local Bargaining Unit Presidents. We encourage all of our members to vote in advance polls or next Thursday on Election Day and to vote for the candidate best for public education...your local NDP candidate.

Best Regards
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