

Dear Members,

At no time would I suggest how to cast your vote on June 7th. I will earnestly and strongly encourage you to get out and vote!

In the past few weeks, leading up to Election Day, I have been reluctant to suggest what the next four years could look like for our membership.

I can assure you that both the Provincial office and our employer have great apprehension about the government we will be forced to negotiate with.

If we fall to a PC government the budget could very easily be balanced on your back. Doug Ford has not been shy about his intention to resolve the deficit through 'efficiencies'. Efficiencies that will come from publicly funded institutions of education, hospitals, social services, EI services. None of us can afford that!

The Liberal party is predictable when dealing with education issues. We have over the last four years been able to gauge their plans. We have made some steps forward with them but today's political climate does not indicate this will be the party we will be dealing with going forward.

Andrea Horwath's NDP's platform contains 6 of the 7 strategies that OSSTF identified as 'necessary' to a healthy work environment, to build strong futures in education.

If you want job security, less chance of job cuts, no hospital and school closures we should follow OSSTF's example and support the NDP's.

Please keep in mind what is important to your personal job security and consistency in the education field.

Support staff, students and teachers need stability within our working environments to best deliver the quality education necessary for future success.

Yours in solidarity,

Susan Brighton.