

ONTARIO PLATFORM REPORT CARD

LIBERAL

NDP

PC

WILL THEY INCREASE PER-STUDENT FUNDING, ALLOWING INSTITUTIONS TO PURSUE THEIR CORE FUNCTIONS – TEACHING AND RESEARCH – FREE OF FINANCIAL STRAIN?

C

Would provide targeted funding for specific projects (e.g. deferred maintenance) but offer no plan to address overall funding issues.

INCOMPLETE

Platform does not address funding for universities.

F

In the university sector, the proposal to cut 100,000 public sector jobs would likely be implemented through overall cuts to university operating grants.

WILL THEY PROVIDE FUNDING TO HIRE ADEQUATE FACULTY TO LOWER THE STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO, WHILE ADDRESSING THE INCREASING PRECARIETY OF ACADEMIC WORK?

INCOMPLETE

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WILL THEY INTRODUCE MEASURES TO CONTROL THE COST AND ENSURE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF HIGH QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS?

B

Promise to continue the 30 per cent off tuition grant for eligible students

B+

Promise to freeze tuition and eliminate interest on student loans, however, the funding allocated to support this promise is inadequate to compensate universities for lost tuition revenue.

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Despite a platform commitment that no student would be denied access to PSE due to lack of money, the Feb. 2013 PC white paper promised to eliminate the 30 per cent off tuition grant and establish different tiers of higher education based on students' ability to pay.

WILL THEY PROTECT THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS OF FACULTY AND FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS ACROSS ONTARIO?

INCOMPLETE

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Would threaten collective bargaining rights and the democratic decision-making and operations of unions by imposing onerous financial reporting requirements and spending restrictions.

WILL THEY PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE SPACE FOR THE UNIVERSITY SECTOR TO DEVELOP PENSION SOLUTIONS THAT WILL ENSURE THE FAIRNESS AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY?

A

Would reintroduce pension legislation from the 2014 Budget bill that would allow the university sector to continue to work on long-term pension solutions. Also commit to the creation of an Ontario Retirement Pension Plan for all Ontarians without a workplace pension plan.

INCOMPLETE

Platform does not address pensions.

F

Would dismantle public sector pension plans by limiting the access of all new public sector employees to defined contribution pension plans.