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Questions for MPP candidates Ontario 2022 Provincial Elections

- According to an EKOS Research poll, 69% of Ontarians believe that postsecondary education should be a high priority for Ontario's next government. What is your party's vision for the role that universities will play in the province's post-pandemic recovery and what supports will you be providing to universities as engines of research, innovation, and education?
- Labour unions and faculty associations across the province have launched a legislative appeal to defend unions' rights to free and fair collective bargaining which is being interfered with through Bill 124. Will your party repeal the legislated wage constraints introduced under Bill 124?
- According to a recent EKOS research poll, 71% of Ontarians support legislation to ensure contract faculty receive equal pay when doing the same work as their full-time colleagues. Will your party implement new labour laws that university contract faculty receive equal pay for work of equivalent value?
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission had specific recommendations for the provincial government, including providing funding to postsecondary institutions for Indigenous programming and supports. Will your party commit to an increase in special purpose funding, particularly for Indigenous programming and supports?
- A recent EKOS Research poll revealed 69% of Ontarians support funding to encourage universities to replace retiring faculty with faculty who have job security. How will your party address precarious work at Ontario universities and will your party commit to delivering job security, and providing funding to ensure faculty renewal?
- According to an EKOS Research poll, the majority of Ontarians believe the next provincial government should provide more funding to universities. Will your party commit to increased investments to bring core provincial funding for Ontario universities up to the national average to create the postsecondary sector Ontarians deserve?
- Many students in Ontario can't afford the cost of tuition, which creates inequitable barriers to postsecondary education. What is your party's plan for improving access to postsecondary education for students from all socioeconomic backgrounds and



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reducing public universities' reliance on tuition fees?

- According to an EKOS Research poll, two-thirds of Ontarians agree that students in Northern Ontario should have access to university education in the North. Will your party commit to meaningful increases to the Northern and Bilingual grants in recognition of the important mandate of northern and bilingual institutions and the particular challenges they face?
- The majority of Ontarian's support replacing student loans with non-repayable grants. Will your party reverse the cuts to OSAP and respond to calls from student groups to convert student loans to grants to address the student debt crisis?
- The performance-based funding model threatens postsecondary funding and creates a system based on competition rather than collaboration. Will your party repeal the performance-based funding model for Ontario's universities?