

ETFO Ontario Election News

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There are three weeks left in the Ontario election campaign and things are heating up!

After four years of Ford's devastating cuts to our schools and the chaos caused by his government in our communities, it is clear we need change.

While candidates work for your vote, now is the time to take action and make public education a central issue in your riding. As educators, parents, grandparents, guardians and voters, you have an opportunity to deliver a powerful message.

By talking with friends and family about the state of public education and mobilizing your networks to get involved, we can magnify our impact in this election.

And remember, this election will set the stage for our next round of central bargaining.

Have you pledged to vote and take action for better schools?

Do it today!

And invite your friends and family members to join the fight to defeat Doug Ford.

Pledge to Defeat Doug Ford



Solidarity Action on Fridays

Our united solidarity across the education sector helps keep our schools and union strong. ETFO President Karen Brown invites you to show your pride in public education and join a solidarity action every Friday.

Wear red for public education and share a message on social media with [#RedForEd](https://twitter.com/RedForEd) in your post.



If you have moved since the last election, changed your name, have a different name than what is on your ID, or if you are a new voter, register now to get on the voter's list.

To confirm, update or add your voter information go to eregistration.elections.on.ca before May 23.

Note: You can register at the same time as you vote, but there might be a long line-up.

Voting Options Make It Easy!

Before the Ontario election happens on Thursday, June 2, you have several ways to vote early. Listed below are three options to cast your vote.

When voting, it is recommended that you bring a piece of government-issued ID showing your name and residential address, for example, an Ontario driver's license.

Forms of accepted ID are listed at elections.on.ca/id-requirements.

OPTION ONE: Advance Voting

Did you know that advance voting has been extended? It's true!

You can vote between May 19 and 28 in your riding.

Advance voting locations are open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT, and you must vote in your electoral district.

For a complete list of voting locations and dates, visit voterinformationservice.elections.on.ca.

OPTION TWO: Vote Now At the Returning Office

You can vote right now until June 1 at your local Elections Ontario returning office.

Keep in mind that the ballot will not name candidates; it is a write-in ballot. Before you vote, be sure you know the complete name of your candidate if you want your vote to count.

Find your returning office voterinformationselections.on.ca

OPTION THREE: Vote by Mail

If you wish to vote via mail for any reason, apply to Elections Ontario and ensure it is received before May 27. Elections Ontario must also receive your completed voting kit by no later than 6:00 p.m. EDT on June 2 for your vote to be counted.

The application to vote by mail is at votebymail.elections.on.ca.



Please join us in applauding the efforts of the following ETFO members who are running in this Ontario election:

- Amber Bowen in Ajax
- Jennifer Deck in Peterborough-Kawartha

- JoAnne Formanek Gustafson in Kenora-Rainy River
- Jennifer French in Oshawa
- Terence Kernaghan in London North Centre
- Mara-Elena Nagy in Don Valley East
- Amanda Pulker-Mok in Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
- Pekka Reinio in Barrie-Innisfil
- Matt Richter in Parry Sound-Muskoka
- Felicia Samuel in Scarborough-Rouge Park
- Kevin St. Denis in Carleton
- Christina Wilson in Hastings Lennox and Addington

For more information on ways to vote, candidates and details on this election, please visit elections.on.ca

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**This email is intended for all current members of the
Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario.**

ETFO represents 83,000 teachers and education workers in public elementary schools.