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To: The Liberal Party of Canada, The Conservative Party of Canada, The New Democratic Party of Canada,
and the Green Party of Canada

With federal elections taking place on October 21, we know voters want to understand your position on federal matters impacting public education.

Members of Parliament are elected to represent the views of their constituents in the House of Commons. The policies of government are far-reaching. These decisions affect everyone, whether or not they have children in the public school system. During federal elections, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) advocates for non-partisan strategies to engage politicians on issues that affect public education and our children and youth.

As part of this advocacy, we are asking your party to address the following questions. The answers will be posted on our website at www.opsba.org.

- Will you and your party continue to support public education and not provide funding to private schools? Please elaborate.
- How will you and your political party work with Indigenous leaders, as well as provincial Ministries of Education, to ensure that Indigenous children have every opportunity to attain an education comparable to children in the rest of Canada?
- How would you and your party work collaboratively with the provinces to ensure that Canada takes swift action to further develop a National Mental Health Strategy that includes a particular focus on children and youth?
- Will your support federal funding that allows school boards to ensure that technology in schools is current and relevant for various student pathways?
- How can the federal government include dedicated funding that can be directed to school boards for their capital needs?
- Would you support dedicated federal funding to those schools that could demonstrate the need for a nutrition program?

We look forward to hearing from you on how you plan to support public education and specifically, student achievement and well-being across Canada.

Regards,

Cathy Abraham
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The Ontario Public School Boards' Association represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve more than 1.3 million public elementary and secondary students. The Association advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario. OPSBA is seen as the credible voice of public education in Ontario and is routinely called on by the provincial government for input and advice on legislation and the impact of government policy directions.