

2007 Ontario General Election: Party Platform Positions of Interest to Toronto

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Liberal - Consolidated platform (September 2007) with a “Costing Summary” and related campaign information; available at www.ontarioliberal.ca





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NDP – Six (6) ‘Commitments’ documents, [Issue papers](#), a “Fiscal Plan” and related campaign information available at ontariondp.com





Green – Consolidated platform (September 2007) and related campaign information available at www.gpo.ca





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General Campaign Themes	Moving Forward, Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Smarter Ontario • A Stronger Ontario • A Healthier Ontario • A Greener Ontario • A Better Ontario for Families 	For a Better Ontario Leadership Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing in Stronger Communities • Fairness for You and your Family • A Government That Works • Building for Ontario’s Future 	Commitments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Tax Rebate • \$10 Minimum Wage • Protecting the Environment • Quality Education • Post-secondary Education • Improving health Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean, Green and Completely Sustainable • Strong in mind (people), body (economy) and spirit (health)
Provincial-Municipal Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together as ‘partners’ (<i>Dalton McGuinty Speech AMO Aug 17-07</i>) • Reannounced upload full cost of both Ontario Disability Support Program (now provincial 50% admin costs/ 80% provincial benefits) and Ontario Drug Benefit (now 80% provincial) over four years, beginning January 2008 – reducing municipal property tax pressures by \$935 million per year by 2011 (<i>original News Release Aug20-07</i>) • ODSB/ODB phased upload expected to save Toronto \$38 million in 2008; \$279 million by 2011/12 (City Finance Division projection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province and municipalities to come together “as partners”. • Attributes “chronic funding shortfalls” to municipalities “not having revenue sources that grow with the economy” • Funding and service delivery based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ local property taxes used “principally for local needs”, not “provincial programs unfairly imposed on a community”, and, ○ “long-term, multi-year funding agreements to enable predictability and intelligent planning”. • Upload social services costs. The <i>Fiscal Plan</i> projects a total annual surplus after reserves of \$400 million in 2007/08 (increasing to \$800 million by 2011/12) to “leave room for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Rebalance the fiscal relationship between province and municipalities” and “relieve taxpayers of the burden of paying for provincially mandated programs.” (<i>News Release August 22-07</i>) • Total upload of \$1.205 billion from Ontario municipalities by 2001/12 (Fiscal Plan) • Upload court security costs as of Jan 1, 2008, worth \$200 million to municipalities (\$40 million for Toronto) (<i>News Release, Aug13-07.</i>) • Pay full cost of cost-shared programs (i.e. \$71 million for Toronto); upload ODP and ODSP by 2011; freeze transit fares for two years and pay 50% of transit operating costs- worth \$645 million to municipalities (\$221 million for Toronto) beginning in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uploading not the solution • Shift in taxation through the Green Tax Shift Plan (see below in “Municipal Revenue” section) • Supportive of GTA pooling if Toronto needs the funds for services more than others (<i>Frank DeJong, Mississauga Town Hall Sept 19-07</i>)





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Provincial-Municipal Relations (con't)		<p>additional initiatives and contingencies", such as the provincial-municipal cost-sharing review, to be completed by Dec. 31-07, "which we are committed to addressing". (<i>Fiscal Plan, p10</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a "value-for-money" audit as part of any fiscal recovery plan for the City of Toronto (<i>News Release July-17-07 and John Tory speech to Toronto Board of Trade Sept14-07</i>) • End GTA social program pooling, province taking back responsibility - \$65 million annually by 2011-12 (<i>Fiscal Plan, p8</i>) 	<p>2008. (<i>News Release Aug 14-07, Cdn Press, Aug14-07; National Post, Aug14-07</i>)</p>	
Provincial Fiscal Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balanced budgets with annual surpluses and reserves (<i>Costing Summary p2</i>) • Project total revenue \$107.0B (2011/12) - \$14.9B increase over 2007/08 • Project total expenditures of \$96.6B – a \$14.7B increase over 2007/08 (<i>Costing Summary p6</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balanced budgets with annual surpluses and reserves (<i>Fiscal Plan</i>) • Project total revenue \$105.4 by 2011/12 – a \$13.3B increase over 2007/08, after phase-out of Ontario Health Premium tax • Project total expenses of \$104.2B by 2011/12 – a \$13.0B increase over 2007/08, after finding \$1.5 B in "savings and efficiencies" (<i>Fiscal Plan p6</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balanced budgets with annual surpluses (<i>Fiscal Plan p5</i>) • Project total revenue \$109.5 B (2011/12) – \$16.9B increase over 2007/08 • Project total expenditures of \$108.4 B – a \$16B increase over 2007/08 (<i>Fiscal Plan p5</i>) • Phase out Employer Health Premium tax for households <\$48 k and provide rebates of \$450 per person for higher income earners \$49 to \$80 k. • Replace EHP revenue with new tax measures including: tax on tobacco, increased personal income tax by 2% (before surcharge) for incomes >\$150k (new tax bracket), increase general corporate tax rates and retain corporate capital tax (also see Economic Development) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Tax Shift Plan will shift taxation away from income taxes to resource use • Reduce personal taxes including income taxes and phase out Employer Health Premium • Reduce corporate taxes and shift basis from profits to resource use
Municipal Revenue Policy, Planning and Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 'fiscal tools' for municipalities to pay bills and develop local economies (<i>Dalton McGuinty Speech AMO Aug 17-07</i>) • Four-year property tax reassessment cycle beginning 2009, spreading future assessment increases evenly over four years and immediate application of decreases (<i>2007 Budget, Toronto Star Sep27</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5% cap on annual property tax assessment increases, with onus on MPAC to justify them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeze Property Tax Assessments until sale (<i>News Release August 22-07</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moratorium on increases in assessed value of all residential properties and introduce a 'Location Value Tax' to replace current property tax system • Shift taxation to land value, excluding the building value • School boards to levy property taxes





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with municipalities re: OMB decision making process to reduce # of appeals and length of time (<i>Dalton McGuinty Speech AMO Aug17-07</i>) 			
Infrastructure, Public Transit and Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$60 billion (cost-shared) over 10 years for various infrastructure, e.g. transit, roads, water, waste, culture and community centres Reannounced “Move Ontario 2020”, a \$17.5 billion plan (up to \$11.5B provincial & request for \$6B Fed) for 52 rapid transit projects (including Toronto’s Transit City) starting in 2008 over the next 12 years (<i>original News Release June 25-07</i>) Provincial contribution to transit operating costs will continue through the existing gas tax program. (<i>News Release Jun15-07</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five-year plan for GTA gridlock, building transit and roads where “needed most”, expand GO and dedicated busways, plan for new east-west inter-regional rapid transit to relieve Union Station pressure Within five years, spending on roads, bridges, highways and transit to match provincial revenue from gasoline and fuel tax (<i>Fiscal Plan p7</i>) \$1.1B increase in transportation sector funding by 2011/12. \$150 million to transit in the first year, growing to \$800 million in 2011/12. The remaining \$300 million increase (by 2011) to improving northern and rural roads. (<i>Fiscal Plan .p7</i>) hold onto former OPP HQ at 90 Harbour St. while GTTA evaluates sites for new inter-regional bus terminal near Union Station (<i>Newsrelease Sep25</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay 50% of municipal share of transit operating cost in return for transit fare freeze for two years (<i>News Release August 14,20-07</i>) Maintain Gas Tax for municipalities Fast track public transit expansion including light rail and GO Transit Allocation of \$220 million in increased operational funding for municipal transit over 4 years (<i>Fiscal Plan</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to investments that improve and expand public transit, increase walkability and connect pedestrian hubs to transit Divert 75% of money budgeted for new highway construction until 2012 to public transit including TTC and GO Legislate a requirement for municipalities to have sustainable master transportation plans by 2012 and designate roads and parking for small and electric vehicles. Lobby federal government for transit investment Partner with municipalities to increase transit ridership
Environment & Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GHG reduction targets of 6% below 1990 levels by 2014, 15% by 2020, 80% by 2050 Municipal Eco Challenge Fund. \$220 million for municipalities to reduce greenhouse gases-including \$20 million in grants & \$200 million in loans MoveOntario 2020 (see Transit section) Next Generation Jobs Fund providing \$650 million to companies to develop clean cars, fuels and technologies Green Home Retrofit program \$150 million (<i>News Release June -07</i>) Green vehicle ratings and Eco-License plate starting in 2008 (<i>News Release Aug 95-07</i>) Plant 50 million trees Phase-out coal-fired electricity, one-third by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GHG reduction targets of 10% below 1990 levels by 2020, 60% by 2050 Build new and replace aging nuclear stations; expand renewable energy, support co-generation and improve energy transmission Install scrubbers on coal-powered plants, e.g. Nanticoke Smart meters “where they make sense”, scrap rules on individual apartment meters and require home energy audits on every house sale Stricter efficiency guidelines (industrial and commercial) Implement O’Connor Comm. recommendations for clean water supply – focus on Lake Simcoe, Great Lakes and the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$450 million for a Climate Change Plan including: meeting Ontario’s Kyoto targets by 2012 and 2020; and, GHG reduction targets of 6% below 1990 levels by 2012, 25% by 2020 Shift away from coal and nuclear generation (phase out) Close coal generating facilities at Nanticoke by 2011 “Green Lights Electricity Plan” features energy efficiency, conservation & demand management measures; invest in renewable energy sources (<i>News Release Aug 12-07</i>) Low interest loans to retrofit homes Implement province-wide water testing for lead at tap (<i>News Release May 23-07</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shift away from coal and nuclear generation phasing out al coal plants by 2009. Primary focus is to reduce demand and consumption to 75% by 2020 through measures including programs and grants to promote energy conservation and conversion to sources other than electricity. Create a 10 year \$500 million grant program for municipal building projects for green technologies and LEED certification Amend the Building Code to encourage conservation Full cost pricing of energy use

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Environment & Energy (cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2011, completely by end of 2014 Funding to clean up hot spots in Great Lakes, Lake Simcoe Ban cosmetic use of pesticides New toxic emissions legislation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Areas of Concern' list Focus on solid waste diversion and "using new technologies to improve the waste management" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste diversion from landfills, not incineration Support cogeneration 'Right to Know' legislation for toxins in food and environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability through conservation Work with municipalities to create renewable energy zones for wind power Implement a Sustainable Water and Sewage Act including creating incentives for municipalities with rain water harvesting systems. Establish air quality measures including a Pollution and Cancer Prevention Act Restore 50% incentive for municipalities for backyard composting
Poverty and Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy around the Ontario Child Benefit, with first step to establish a \$45 million program to provide dental care to low income persons, possibly delivered by local Public Health authorities. (<i>Costing Summary p10</i>) Increase minimum wage for students by 28% over three years, starting March 31, 2008 (<i>Announced Jul04-07</i>) Increase minimum wage to \$10.25 per hour by 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult on a realistic minimum wage. Continue investment in early childhood education (early learning centres) Incremental increases to Ontario Child Benefit (<i>Fiscal Plan p. 7</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise minimum wage to \$10 / hr. immediately 'Ontario Smiles Fair Dental Access Plan' for children and Ontarians without dental coverage; creation of Community Dental Health teams - \$100 million annually (<i>News Release July 07</i>) Address Child Poverty through: food allowances; end the National Child benefit claw back; raise minimum wage; and, invest in not for profit child care (<i>News Release March 6-07</i>) Increase ODSP benefits for individuals with HIV/AIDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a \$10.25 minimum wage by June 2008 Index OW and ODSP to rate of inflation Adjust OW and ODSP shelter allowances to average local rent rate End clawback of National Child Tax Benefit on social assistance payments Create a Ontario Food Policy Council to guarantee food security and nutrition
Homelessness and Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional \$20 million over three years for womens' shelters and homelessness prevention (<i>News Release Jul 24-07</i>) \$185 million ROOF housing allowance for low-income families beginning January 2008 (<i>News Release Aug10-07</i>) Create a long term affordable housing strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More flexibility to use shelter funding to find permanent housing for the homeless Work with municipalities and private sector to replicate Regent Park revitalization to other public housing projects in Toronto and other communities Work with municipalities and Co-op Housing Federation to build new co-ops More flexibility to use shelter funding to find permanent housing for the homeless 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landlord licensing to ensure regular inspections and repairs of all large apartment buildings Rent control to end "vacancy decontrol" Affordable Housing including targets of: 10, 000 new rent supplements at \$4450/unit; 7, 000 units annually (1,500 coop, 750 supportive housing, 500 for seniors) Protection for condominium owners from "unscrupulous developers" Spending levels of \$350 million in affordable housing sector 	

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Children and Youth Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$142.5 million to the childcare system including \$32.2 million to Toronto “to increase wages, address local pressures and sustain 925 new spaces” • Develop full day ‘preschool program’ for 4 and 5 year olds over the next four years, opening up at least 20,000 licensed daycare spaces and 8,000 child care subsidies • New regulatory College of Early Childhood Educators will be established. (<i>July 5-07 News Release</i>) • Double funding for community use of schools program • Create teams of social workers, youth workers and police to work with at risk students • Increase ESL funding by \$126 million or 18% • Create Family Literacy Centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to invest in early childhood education, building on the success of the early learning centres • Invest in recreation and community centres for low-income young people; educate employers to create more jobs, an “Open schools” program for off-hours recreation (note: PC view this as a community safety approach) • Facilitate youth access to cultural institutions such with an Ontario Youth and Culture Passport; and distributing donated tickets through clearing houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase spending by \$1.75 billion by 2011/12 in combined children’s <u>and</u> social services sector (<i>Fiscal Plan</i>) • Expand early childhood education to include full day junior and senior kindergarten 	
Public and Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press federal government for handgun ban • Use federal funding to hire at least 1,000 new police officers, half in municipalities and half frontline OPP • Create teams of social workers, youth workers and police to work with at risk students • Expand provincial Gangs and Guns Task Force • Continue Youth Opportunities Strategy and Youth Challenge Fund • Increase investments in community safety and justice by \$200 million by 2011-12 (<i>Costing Summary p7</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint more justices of the peace • Pressure federal government for more police on the streets, mandatory sentences for grow-ops and drug labs, strengthening National Sex Offender Registry and home visits by police and probation for young offenders • Special courts for white-collar crime and prosecutors for dangerous offenders • Funds for counselling for police officers experiencing stress • School parent council decisions on funding; alternative programs to school expulsion • End deals for persons charged with gun related offences • Increase information and intelligence sharing between police forces and \$100 million to hire more police officers (<i>Fiscal Plan p7</i>) • \$50 million for community safety initiatives (<i>Fiscal Plan p7</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Work with federal NDP to curb handgun smuggling</u> • \$200 million will be available to municipalities as a result of uploading for community initiatives including community safety e.g. hiring more police officers (<i>News Release August 14-07</i>) • Policy to shift police resources to focus on ‘police’ work not social services, security or mental health functions (<i>News Release June 27-07</i>) • Address gun violence in Toronto by appointing a Youth Commissioner (<i>New Release June 11-07</i>) • <u>Add gender identity to Ontario Human Rights Code</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban handguns, including sale (<i>DeJong, Mississauga Town Hall Sept 19- 07</i>)
Immigration and Settlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase ESL funding by \$26 million (<i>Costing Summary p10</i>) • Expand Ontario Student Assistance Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable funding for bridging programs, supports for ESL • Amend employment legislation to get around 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating that schools adopt “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policies regarding persons without immigration status (<i>News Release</i>) 	

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	<p>(OSAP) to include language and bridging programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand Family Literacy Centres Create “International Ontario Strategy to attract skilled people from around the world” and “Orientation Ontario” programs 	<p>‘Canadian experience’ barrier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New ‘Ontario Job Market Opportunity Secretariat’ Strengthen immigration agreement with federal government to have more say in selecting immigrants 	<p>May 16-07)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certifying internationally-trained doctors Expand ESL 	
<p>Economic Development, Culture and Tourism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reannounced (<i>Budget 2007</i>) phased elimination of corporate capital tax and reduction to provincial property tax on business Want federal government to match Ontario’s \$500 million Advanced Manufacturing Fund (auto sector), \$650 million Next Generation Jobs Fund (green industries) and better access to employment insurance (<i>News Release Aug 07-07</i>) Expand Next Generation Jobs Fund by \$100 million (<i>Costing Summary p10</i>) Establish ‘Investment Ontario Inc.’, an independent investment attraction agency \$50 million to support television and film industry (<i>Costing Summary p8</i>) Create ‘Centre for Excellence in Education for Financial Services’ to keep this job creating sector strong Increase support to the Innovation Demonstration Fund to bring new technologies to market faster and create jobs Increase tourism funding for festivals, events and conduct a competitiveness study; \$15 million special events fund Support organizations that strengthen community arts programs - \$5 million yearly \$40 million over three years cultural capital program, includes helping municipalities provide artists with space \$13 million over three years for libraries \$12 million increase over four years to Ont Media Dev Corp for Entertainment/ Creative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move 10% of provincial government office space and "thousands of jobs" from Toronto to smaller communities and “ensure these jobs remain where they are moved” Eliminate corporate capital tax on an accelerated timetable “if possible” Press for national securities regulator Five and ten-year commitments to tourism, with short-term investments, e.g. Luminato Expand job internship programs and language training Promote financial sector careers and education Top up Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund by \$5M in 2008 and \$2.5M annually thereafter Income tax deduction for Ontario Arts and Culture Fund donations 3 year funding commitments to major attractions, such as Caribana and arts institutions like the ROM & AGO Create a Premier’s Council on Arts, Culture, Creative Cities and Towns Facilitate youth access to cultural institutions such as with an Ontario Youth and Culture Passport; and distributing donated tickets through clearing houses Provide advances on the Film and Media Tax and Review Credits Tax relief through income averaging to full time artists Increased funding of \$15 million to the Ontario Arts Council by 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase General Corporate Tax rate from 14% to 14.5% for businesses (except manufacturers and small businesses) Reverse planned phase-out of corporate capital tax New provincial personal tax bracket for earners over \$150k per year., with rate 2% above current ‘Fair Hydro Rate’ plan for resource consumers in auto, forestry and steel manufacturing sectors (<i>News Release Aug 9-07 ontariondp.com</i>) Establish an Ontario Job Protection Commissioner to help at risk companies overcome financial difficulties and preserve manufacturing jobs (<i>News Release March 07</i>) Invest in arts and culture including: increased funding for arts programs, incentives for the cultural industry; and, access to capital grants Regulate gas prices through Ontario Energy Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shift taxes from employment to resource use Green Jobs Plan to create markets for green enterprise with a shift on sustainability, creation of protections and incentives Increase productivity by introducing legislation to reduce overtime and create six new provincial holidays Invest \$11.5 million to alleviate labour shortages by: improving access to apprenticeship; easing immigration for qualified immigrants; and providing assistance for labour market integration

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Economic Development, Culture and Tourism (cont)	Cluster Partnership Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Ontario Arts Council annual funding by a further \$5 million starting 2008/09 			
Health and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase annual health care sector spending by \$8.7B by 2011/12 (<i>Costing Summary p7</i>) • \$45 million program to provide dental care to low income persons, possibly delivered by local public health authorities (<i>Costing Summary p10</i>) • \$700 million for “Aging at Home Strategy” for support services to seniors including meals, transportation, shopping, etc. (<i>News Release Aug 28-07</i>) • 2,000 new nurses in long-term care homes and build 35,000 long-term care beds over 10 years • \$10 million to prepare schools to deliver IBI therapy for children with autism • Double funding for community use of schools program • New “Family Day” holiday in February (<i>News Release Aug. 30-07</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase annual health care spending by \$8.5B by 2011/12 (<i>Fiscal Plan p5</i>) • Support for parks, recreation, community centres and “healthy living” • Raise 35,000 below-standard long-term care spaces to highest level; eliminate three- and four-bed LTC wards and ensure en-suite bathrooms • Funding for autism waitlisted children under 6, immediate assessment funding when diagnosed and recommended ABA/IBI treatment for all school-aged children with autism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase health spending \$9.5 billion by 2011/12 (<i>Fiscal Plan</i>) • ‘Ontario Smiles Fair Dental Access Plan’ for children and Ontarians without dental coverage: creation of community dental health teams - \$100 million annually (<i>News Release July 07</i>) • Petition to raise food allowance for seniors in long-term care facilities (<i>News Release July 30-07</i>) • Expand home care and guarantee a daily minimum of 3.5 hours of personal care in long-term care homes • \$150 million to create 2, 000 new long term care beds • \$230 million a year for home care • Support LTC facilities for LGBT seniors • All public funding ‘invested’ in public health care – not private hospitals • Establish Ontario Autism Strategy and invest \$100 million to eliminate wait list for autism services and IBI therapists in schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase health promotion budget in the Ministry of Health • Provide low income persons with a health allowance of \$1000 per person • Create six new provincial holidays
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase education funding by \$3.1. billion by 2011 and review the funding formula by 2010 (<i>Costing Summary p7</i>) • Continue to fund just public and separate schools (<i>News Release July -07</i>) • Build or rebuild 6,800 schools • Phase-in full day ‘preschool program’ for 4 and 5 year olds, beginning 2009 or 2010 – expected to free up licensed day care spaces (<i>Toronto Star Sep06-07</i>) • New textbook and technology grant of \$300 per post-secondary student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase education funding by \$2.4 billion by 2011/12 • \$400 million to fund additional faith-based schools (<i>Fiscal Plan p12</i>) • \$100 million in capital funds to upgrade substandard schools (<i>Fiscal Plan p5</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase education spending by \$2.7 billion by 2011/12 (<i>Fiscal Plan</i>) including: \$75 million to eliminate additional fundraising for school; \$400 million for local priorities; and, \$75 million for students at risk, special needs and ESL (<i>Fiscal Plan</i>) • Revise education funding formula, end school closings and restore Local Prosperities Grant (\$200 per student • Advocating that schools adopt “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policies regarding persons without immigration status (<i>News Release May 16-07</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support one, single public education system • End funding for religious schools. • Address funding formula to allow schools “a say in how funds are spent” • Restore ability of school boards to levy property taxes and boost spending on education and cap tuition fees - \$3 k university and \$700 college (<i>Toronto Star Sept-08 p15</i>) • Cap university tuition by 2001 at \$3000 for university and \$700 for college

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Education (cont)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand early childhood education to include full day junior and senior kindergarten Expand anti-homophobia and LGBT programs in schools 	
Electoral Reform (i.e. upcoming referendum choice to vote on recommendation of the Citizens Assembly on Electoral Reform) www.yourbigdecision.ca				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Mixed Member Proportionality (MMP) electoral system Lower voting age to 16 from 18 Statutory holiday on voting days Eliminate carry over of municipal election campaign funds from one election to the next

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