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## Putting People First: A New Vision for Ontario

CUPE Ontario members, like all residents of our Province, have basic expectations of government. We expect:

- Our schools, social services, hospitals, universities and municipal services to be adequately funded in order to properly serve our needs
- Our government to address Ontario's growing poverty, stop loss of jobs, reverse increasing inequality, defend public services, and aggressively act now on climate change



Since being elected in 2003, the McGuinty Liberals have taken only small steps to reverse the disastrous policies of the previous Conservative government—and that's just not good enough. **It's time for our government to put people first by:**

- Investing our tax dollars into public services, not private profits
- Supporting proper funding of front line workers who deliver public services
- Reversing privatization of our public services, which leads to job losses and higher costs

## You Can Make a Real Difference!

CUPE Ontario and its partners are a powerful political force in Ontario. When CUPE Ontario members and their locals campaign, we make a difference. In the past year, we forced the provincial government to:

- Reverse its position on privatized (P3) hospitals regarding patient services
- Agree in principal to staffing standards in long-term care facilities
- Increase funding for developmental services by the largest amount in a generation

And our mass mobilization helped elect over 49% of labour-endorsed candidates in the 2006 municipal and school board elections.

## Here's How...

The best way to change government is to elect candidates who support public services and the social justice issues that CUPE Ontario and its members fight for. In Ontario, those candidates are members of the Ontario New Democrats. Starting today:

1. Educate CUPE members and others on the issues in this brochure
2. Mobilize and recruit CUPE members to work on the campaigns of NDP candidates who support our issues
3. Activate everyone to vote for these candidates on October 10





	<b>Tories</b>	<b>Liberals</b>	<b>NDP</b>
<b>Health Care</b>	Introduced public-private partnerships (P3) hospitals; would introduce for-profit surgical clinics; removed standards of care in long-term care facilities	Announced 12 P3 hospitals with more to come; introduced Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) that will create a health care 'market;' haven't set the legislated standards of care in long-term care facilities they promised	Will end privatization of health care; will put taxpayer \$\$\$ into public services, not private profits; support a legislated minimum standard of care in long-term care facilities
<b>Schools</b>	Created faulty funding formula; would introduce private school tax credit; calling for funding of faith-based schools that would strip \$\$\$ from current system	Failed to fix the faulty funding formula, leading to job losses, crumbling schools; as with Tories, sent in provincially appointed supervisors to oversee boards who refused to bring in budget cuts	Will fix the faulty funding formula; would end unfair school board cuts—including school closures—until formula is fixed; committed to publicly funded and delivered education
<b>Social Services</b>	Downloaded social services to cities without \$\$\$ to pay for them; rolled back social assistance; introduced competitive bidding/ contracting out of home care	Have not paid for cost of downloaded social services; small reinvestments not meeting huge demands; new \$\$\$ for ACLs due to pressure by CUPE, but still not enough; have only passed on a small portion of the federal funds they received for child care	Call for the province to pay for all services that were downloaded; real investment and legislation to ensure non-profit regulated child care gets the funds it needs; will scrap competitive bidding in home care
<b>Universities</b>	Deep funding cuts and de-regulated tuition fees allowing intrusion of private sector; increased international fees; introduced private universities	Introduced, then eliminated tuition freeze leading to soaring tuition fees; have failed to provide necessary funding to fix crumbling infrastructure	Committed to reducing tuition fees and improving student assistance; would increase funding to ensure universities have the funds they need; would end private universities
<b>Municipalities</b>	Downloaded provincial services to municipalities without \$\$\$ to pay for them; tried to privatize public power generation in Ontario—CUPE and CEP stopped them	Failed to pay for downloaded services, short changing cities on housing, transit, roads, social assistance, literacy; will not declare water a public trust; are privatizing power generation and renewable power	Called for province to pay for all downloaded services; would ensure fees from private water companies are high enough to pay for conservation, protection programs; champion of public hydro and renewable public power
<b>Jobs</b>	Lowered taxes; did nothing to create jobs as globalization shut down Ontario workplaces	150,000 manufacturing jobs lost under McGuinty; policies leading to job layoffs in health care, schools	NDP Jobs Plan will: strengthen Employment Standards Act to help prevent plant closures and moving of jobs offshore; support public investment in key sectors; increase training; introduce anti-scab laws
<b>Public Services</b>	Contracted out vast numbers of public sector jobs to lowest bidders; continue to be aggressively anti-public sector	Underfunding of front line workers leading to job losses, precarious work in all public sectors; encouraging contracting out and privatization of services	Champion of publicly funded and delivered services; will ensure government funds go into public services, not privatization and Bay Street profits
<b>Poverty</b>	Froze the minimum wage for over a decade; curtailed access to Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits; cut welfare benefits; ended rent control	Gave MPPs 25% pay raise; legislated minimum wage increase to \$10 by 2011, only after huge public pressure; not enough changes to Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP); won't fully end clawback of National Child Benefit Supplement until 2011	Will raise minimum wage to \$10 immediately; pursue ambitious public transit expansion; protect seniors from skyrocketing property tax increases; reduce poverty by tackling related issues of child care, housing, education and wages
<b>Equality</b>	Cancelled NDP government's Employment Equity laws; deep cuts to Human Rights Commission budget; refused to fund Proxy Pay Equity in the public sector, responsible for Ipperwash tragedy	Have not restored full proxy pay equity since NDP brought in funding; no justice for Aboriginal land claims; curtailed access to Human Rights Commission by privatizing system; have failed to assist foreign-trained professionals	Will re-establish an independent anti-racism secretariat; opposed to privatization of the Human Rights Commission; would establish independent body to support foreign-trained professionals
<b>Environment</b>	No commitment to Kyoto; favour incineration of garbage; cuts to public service staff/regulatory cutbacks were factor in Walkerton tragedy; largest cuts to Environment Ministry in Ontario history	No commitment to Kyoto; backed away from 60% waste diversion from landfill in favour of burning garbage; paying lip-service to conservation; no real plan on the environment	Will meet Kyoto targets; tabled Right to Know legislation requiring mandatory labelling of carcinogens and public disclosure of toxins emitted into environment; will introduce tough energy efficiency targets; has detailed integrated plan for environmental challenges

**Greens:** They want to be billed as the 'environmental' party but have no commitment to ensure renewable power stays in public hands. They would increase capital cost allowances to foster private investment in green technology thereby deepening privatization. They have a right wing economic policy as a result. This party has yet to be clear on its policy on equality, poverty, jobs or supporting our communities with a strong public sector. The Green Party has always had a very strong connection to the Progressive Conservative Party.

**CUPE Ontario's Choice: Vote NDP on October 10**