

CUPE Ontario Election Fact Sheet

University Sector

The Ontario University Workers Coordinating Committee (OUWCC) is a voluntary association representing more than 30,000 members working in the university sector. We represent a wide range of academic and support workers, including security, parking, trades, clerical and administrative positions, custodial, food services, grounds keeping, research, technical library workers, sessional instructors, teaching assistants and post-doctoral students.

CUPE Ontario has been asking 'Where's the Funding?' for universities for years now. We've been demanding an end to the privatization and precarious work that has become commonplace in our universities.

Liberals 15 year record:

- Attempted to take away our right-to-strike and pass back-to-work legislation for York University
- Oversaw the rapid increase in precarious work and contracting-out of work on campuses
- Highest tuition rates in Canada with average student debt at \$27,000

Conservative platform:

- Silent on almost all issues that would help our university communities
- Promised to cut \$6 billion from the budget that will almost guarantee less money going to our universities
- Will find 'efficiencies' which is code for cuts, contracting out and firing our members

We don't have to choose between BAD and WORSE.

The Ontario NDP will:

- Increase budget funding to keep up with rising costs
- Launch renewal strategy to increase number of full-time professors, instructors and tenure-track faculty
- Convert student loans into grants
- Retroactively forgive all interest on outstanding student debt
- Will create 27,000 new work-integrated-learning opportunities (e.g. co-ops or paid internships)
- End the casualization of work

Demand Better. On June 7 - Vote NDP.