

Get out and VOTE

Because the stakes are high this time

Some elections matter more than others. The June 12 provincial election is one of the big ones.

Ontario PC leader Tim Hudak poses the biggest threat to OPSEU members and their families since Mike Harris won the 1995 election.

Hudak says that if elected he'll fire 100,000 public employees. That's people in the public service. In health care. In social services. In school boards. In colleges and universities. In municipalities. In government businesses like the LCBO.

Only nurses, doctors, and police officers would be spared the axe, Hudak says. But of the rest, he'd fire **one out of nine**. That hurts the public services we all depend on. It hurts the economy we all share.

If that's not bad enough, Hudak also says he'll privatize more public services, freeze wages, and change labour laws to push wages down further.

Meanwhile, Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals are promising more privatization, too. They plan to keep cutting public services until 2017-18 and find \$1.25 billion more in cuts in addition to the ones already budgeted. Any wage increase you see – if you see one at all – will be paid for by layoffs and/or cuts to benefits.

The NDP, meanwhile, is promising to find \$600 million in “waste” in government program spending. So far NDP leader Andrea Horwath hasn't said whether the money would come from cancelling failed privatizations or somewhere else.

But here's the good news: OPSEU members can have a major impact in this election. And we only have to do one thing: VOTE.

With close to 130,000 members, we represent roughly 1.5 per cent of all eligible voters in the province. But if we all vote, we could be closer to 3 per cent. Why? Because in the last election, less than half of eligible voters cast a ballot. If that happens this time around, every ballot cast will count **double**.

The stakes are high in this election. Get informed about the issues. Watch the leaders' debate. Go to all-candidates' meetings in your riding. Visit www.opseu.org/vote2014 for party comparisons and fact sheets. Talk to your co-workers, friends, and family about the election. Tell them what's at stake.

Pick the candidate that's best for you, your family, and your community. And then go vote.



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