

Peggy Sattler Biography

Peggy Sattler is the NDP Member of Provincial Parliament for London West. She was first elected in a by-election August 1, 2013 and was re-elected in the June 12, 2014 general election. Peggy is currently the NDP critic for Training, Colleges and Universities, as well as Research and Innovation and Women's Issues.

Prior to her election to the Ontario Legislature, Peggy served as a trustee for the Thames Valley District School Board for 13 years. While on the board, Peggy worked with fellow trustees, staff, teachers, students and parents to improve student learning, engage the community in supporting public education, and address the challenges facing the education system. As a former Board Chair, she was also accountable for balancing a \$660 million budget. In her role as Western Region Vice-President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, Peggy earned the respect of elected officials across party lines for her commitment to putting students first across the province.

As Director of Policy at a London-based national research firm, Peggy led research studies on post-secondary education and workforce development for local, provincial and national organizations, such as Fanshawe College, the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges. To support local job creation efforts, Peggy worked with the Elgin Middlesex Oxford Workforce Planning and Development Board and the London Economic Development Corporation on an innovative local labour market information project called Worktrends.ca to connect employers to job seekers. She played a key role in the establishment of the Ability First coalition, an award-winning initiative to engage London employers in hiring people with disabilities.

Peggy knows how government works, with almost a decade of experience working at the provincial and federal levels of government. She advocated on behalf of Ontario consumers at the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and brought local issues to the House of Commons as staff member to former Member of Parliament Marion Dewar. She is married to Neil Bradford and has two children Jon and Emily.